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***Harmonic Gyrotron Amplifiers  
and  
Phase-Locked Oscillators***

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# MARYLAND HIGH POWER SOURCES

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## **Research Area**

### **Mode Competition and Multi-Frequency effects in high power fast wave devices**

#### **Specific Applications:**

1. High power gyrotrons for plasma heating
2. Parametric Mode interactions in harmonic gyrotrons
3. Multi-frequency effects in fel oscillators
4. Modeling of harmonic gyroklystrons, phase locked gyro oscillators, and gyro-twystons

## NONLINEAR SIMULATION OF HIGH POWER GYROTRONS

### RESEARCH TOOL:

- \*Time dependent multi-mode simulation code (MAGY)

### CODE FEATURES:

- \*Axial RF field profile determined self-consistently
- \*Time dependent
- \*Multi-Mode (frequencies are equally spaced)
- \*Realistic boundary conditions
- \*AC space charge
- \*DC space charge (voltage depression)
- \*Energy and Pitch angle distributions for incoming beam
- \*Window reflection and delay
- \*Non zero beam rise time
- \*Mode coupling due to non uniform wall radius

## THEORETICAL APPROACH

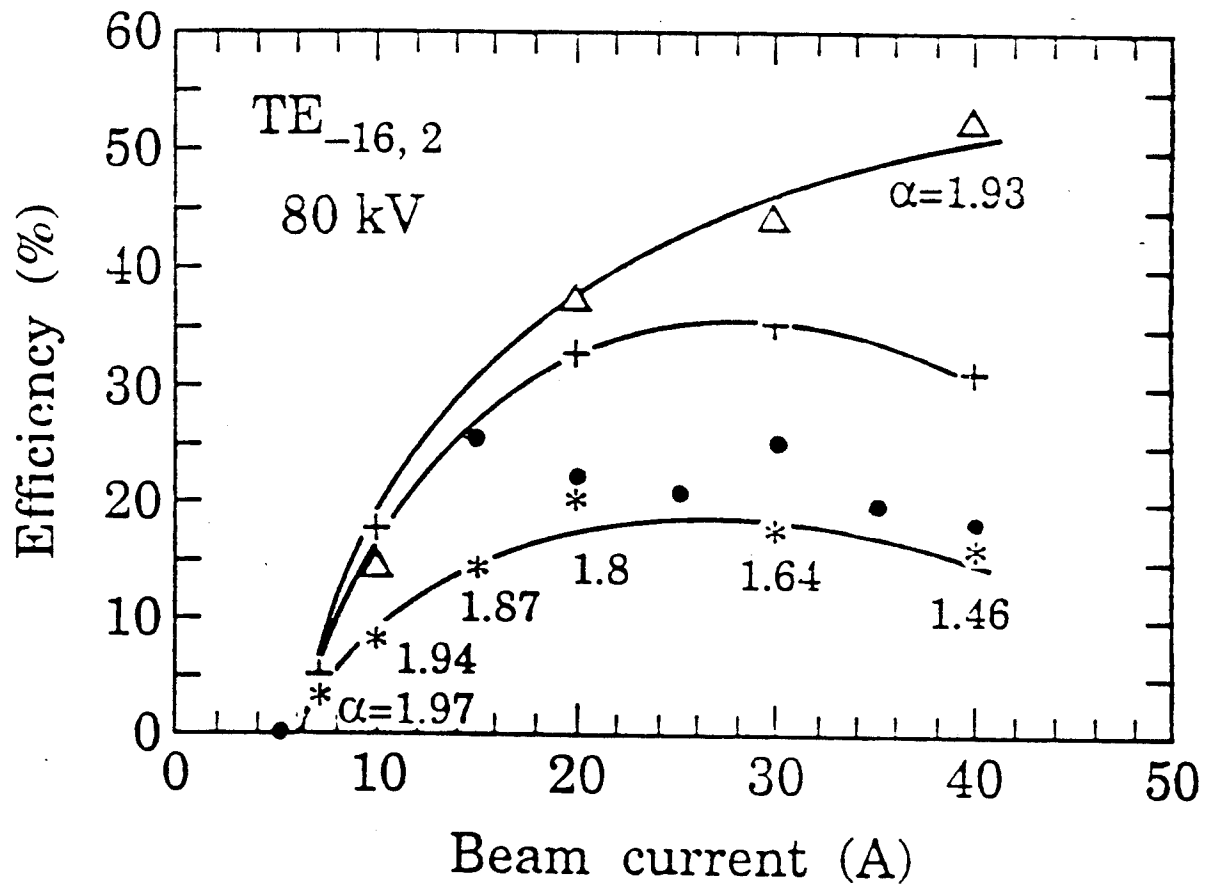
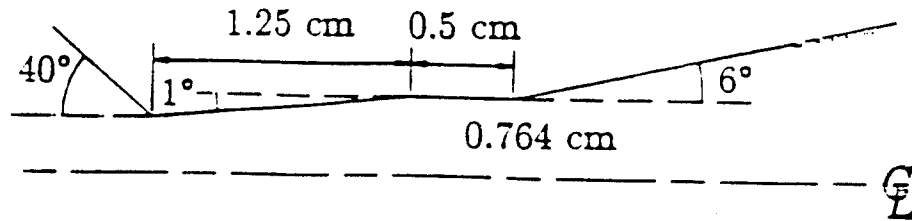
- Radiation field is expanded in transverse modes  $\text{TE}_{\ell p}$

$$E(r, \phi, z, t) = \sum_{\ell p} \frac{c}{\omega_{\ell p}} E_{\ell p}(z, t) \exp(-i\omega_{\ell p}t) \hat{e}_z \times \nabla (J_{\ell}(k_{\ell p}r) e^{i\ell\theta}) + c.c.,$$

- Particle trajectories are followed in prescribed fields,  
AC beam current calculated

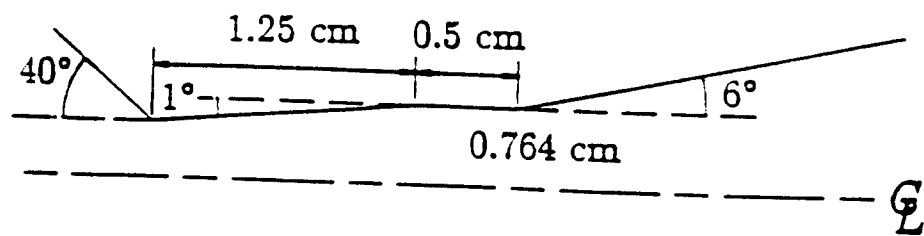
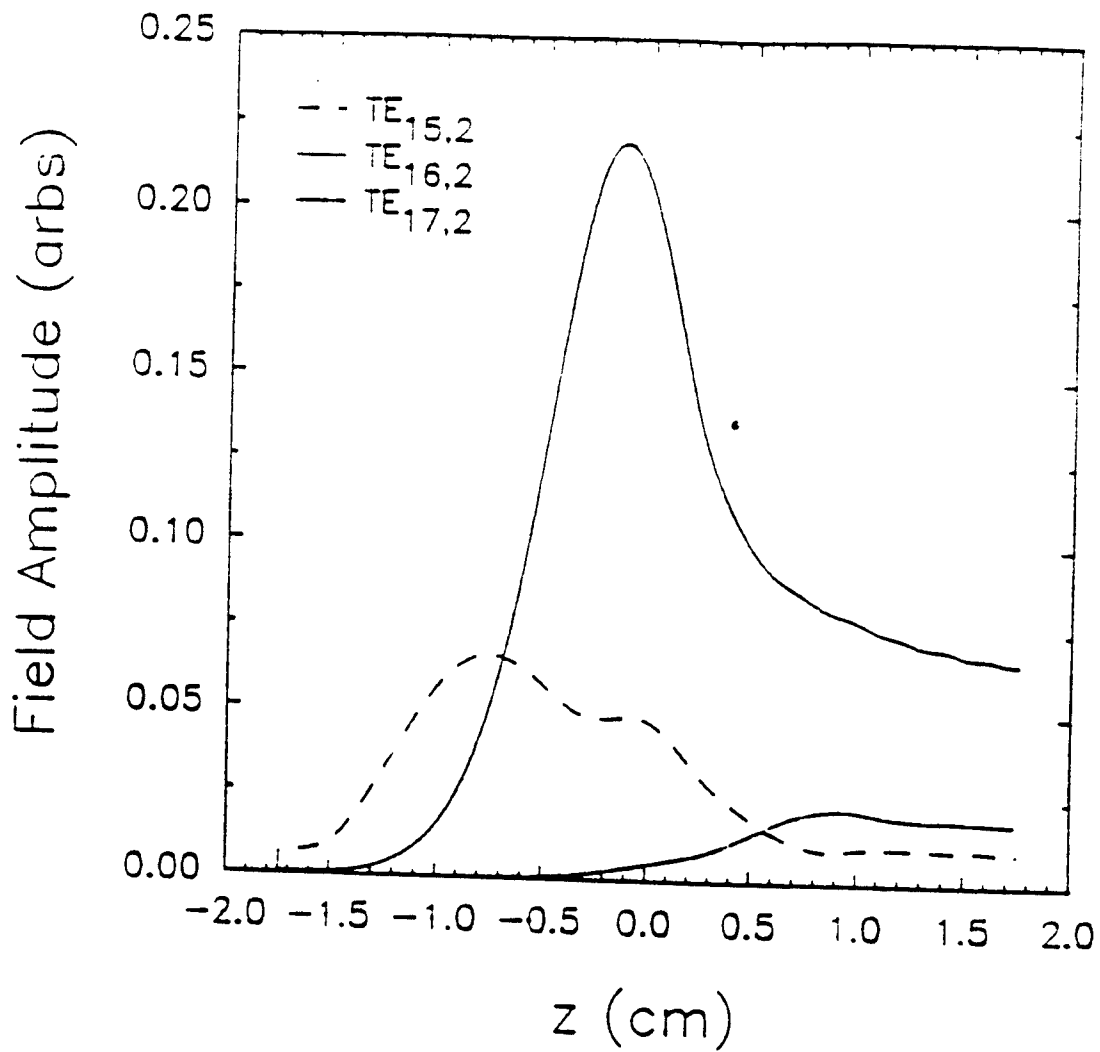
- Axially dependent field profile  $E_{\ell p}(z, t)$  advanced in  
time.

# SIMULATION OF MIT SHORT CAVITY



- Δ : Single mode simulations with fixed  $\alpha$  ( $=1.93$ ).
- +
- : Experimental measurements.

# AXIAL FIELD PROFILES

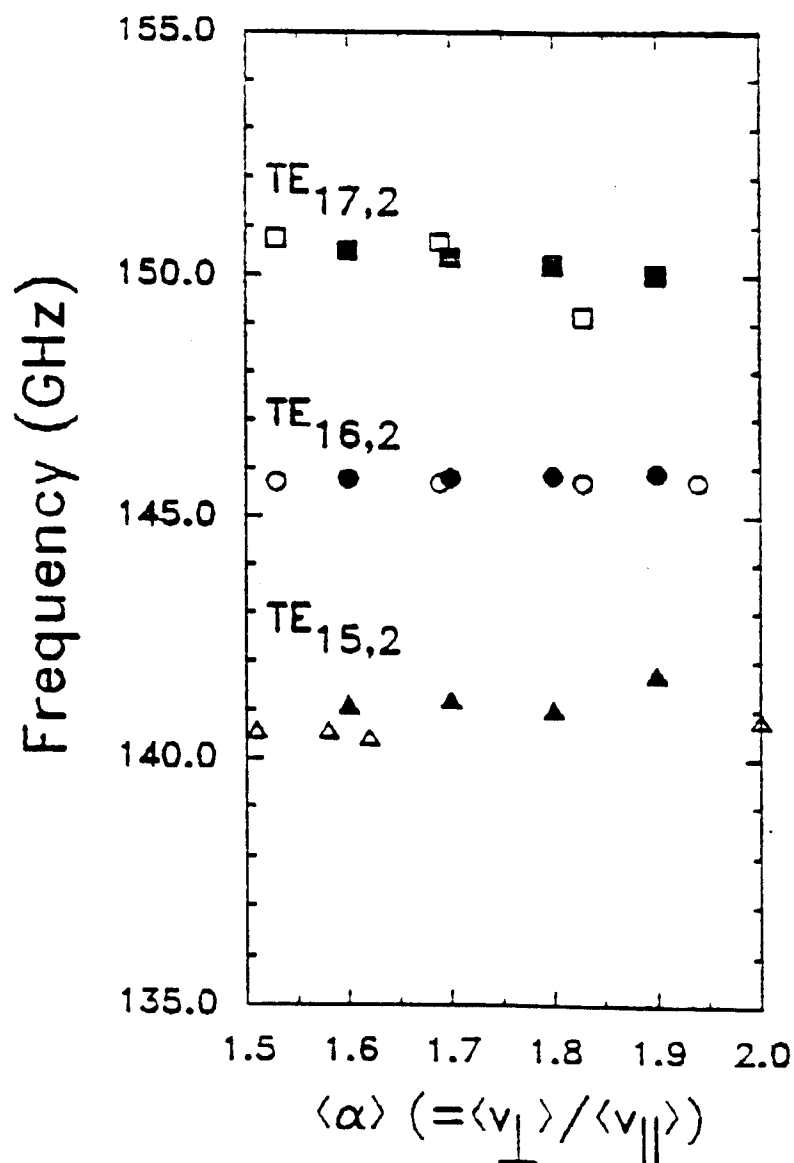




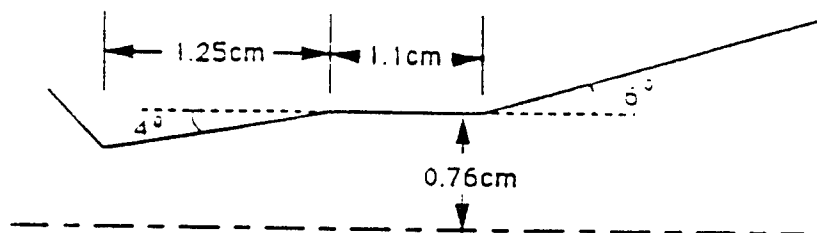
# EXPERIMENTAL MEASUREMENT OF SIDE BANDS AT MIT

W.C. Guss, M.A. Basten, K.E. Kreischer, R.J. Temkin,  
T.M. Antonsen Jr., S.Y. Cai, G. Saraph, and B. Levush

## PREDICTED AND MEASURED MODE FREQUENCIES

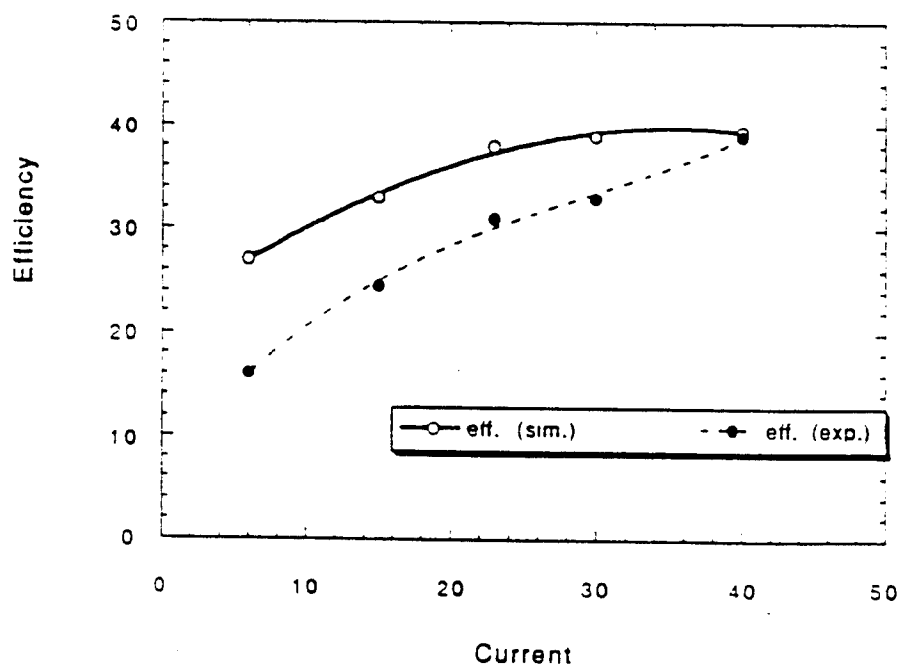


## MARYLAND LONG CAVITY



## EFFICIENCY VS. CURRENT

Maryland Long Cavity



Guss, Basten, Kreischer, Temkin, Antonsen, Cai, Saraph, and Levush, to be published in proceedings of IRMW

PARAMETRIC MODE COUPLING  
IN HARMONIC GYROTRONS

Ph. D. Thesis

Girish Saraph

## PARAMETRIC INSTABILITY

Three cavity modes:  $TE_{l_1 p_1}$ ,  $TE_{l_2 p_2}$ , and  $TE_{l_3 p_3}$

The cyclotron resonance criteria is given by,

$$\frac{\omega_1}{s_1} \approx \frac{\omega_2}{s_2} \approx \frac{\omega_3}{s_3} \approx \frac{\Omega_0}{\gamma}$$

The resonance criteria for the parametric instability are as follows:

- (a) For the harmonic numbers:  $s_3 = s_1 + s_2$ .
- (b) For the azimuthal mode indices:  $l_3 = l_1 + l_2$ .
- (c) For the angular frequencies:  $\omega_3 \approx \omega_1 + \omega_2$ ,

Two characteristic features of the parametric instability are as follows:

- (a) Three modes are phase-locked together ,
- (b) When only one mode has high amplitude then the small signal gains of the other two modes match.

When the three modes are parametrically coupled, then different types of mode interactions can take place, viz. parametric excitation, decay of one or two modes, co-existence of three modes, or cyclic mode hopping between the three modes.

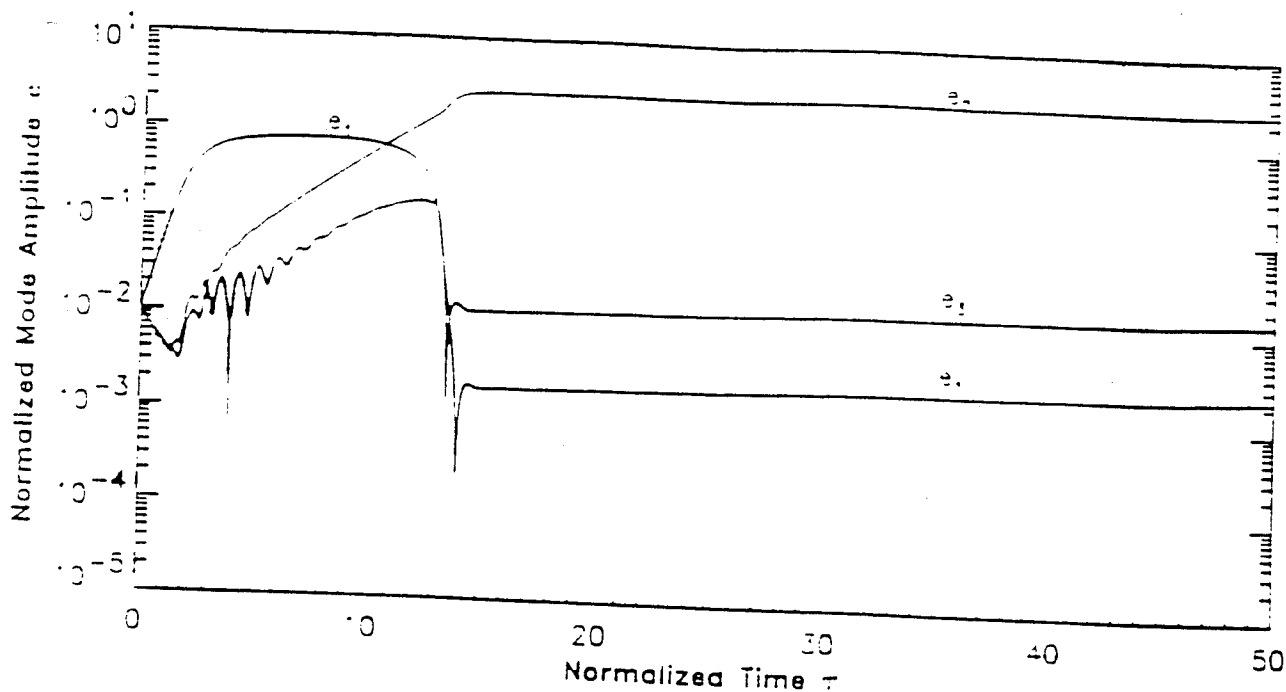
Notation used:

Mode 1 :  $TE_{l_1 p_1}$  at the fundamental frequency ( $s_1 = 1$ )

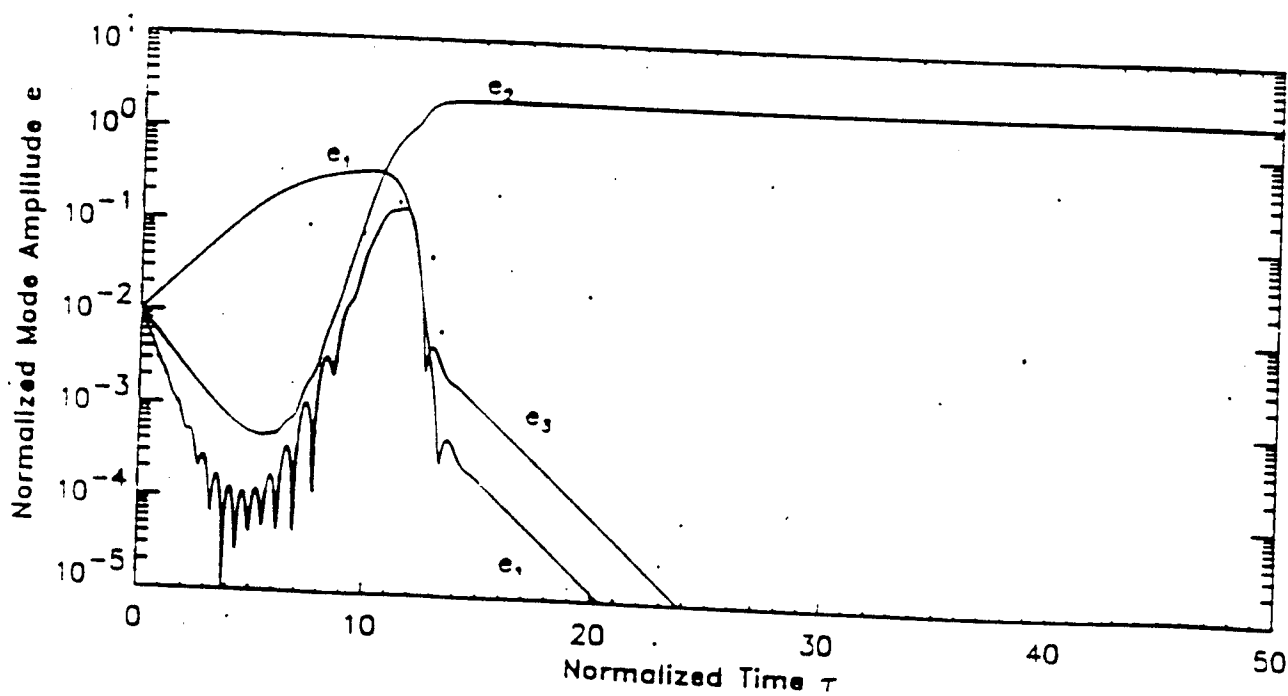
Mode 2 :  $TE_{l_2 p_2}$  at the second harmonic frequency ( $s_2 = 2$ )

Mode 3 :  $TE_{l_3 p_3}$  at the third harmonic frequency ( $s_3 = 3$ )

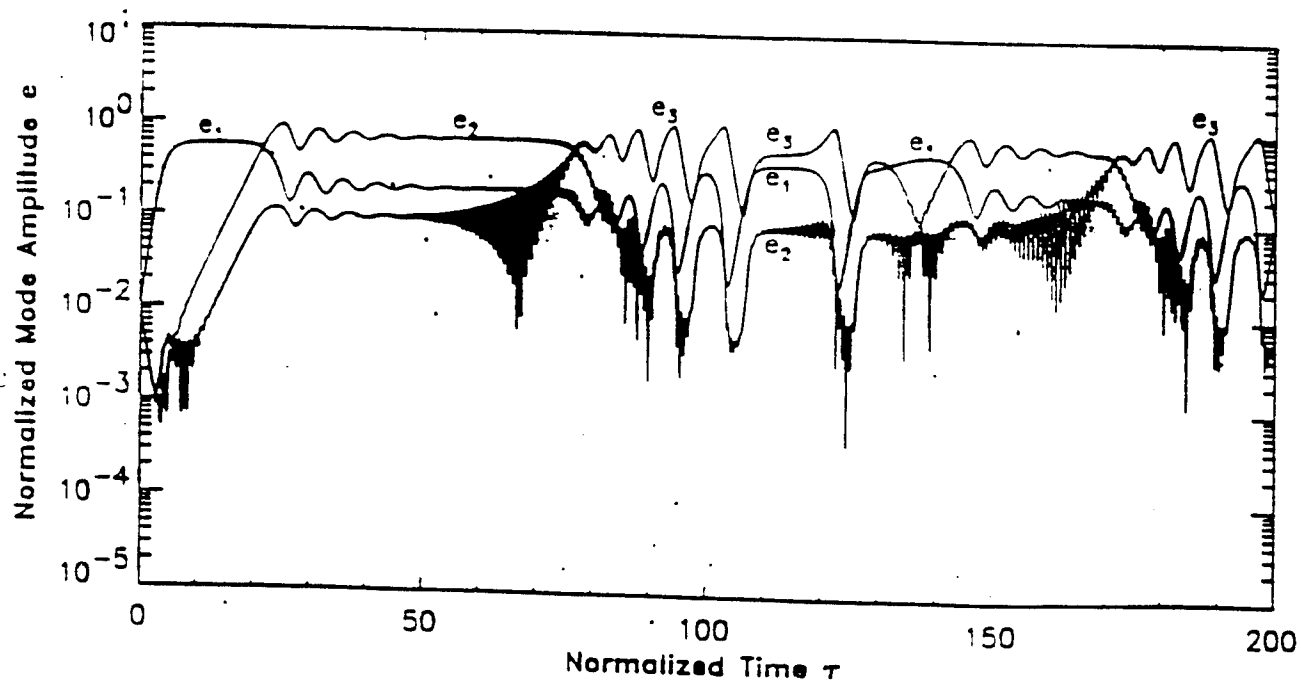
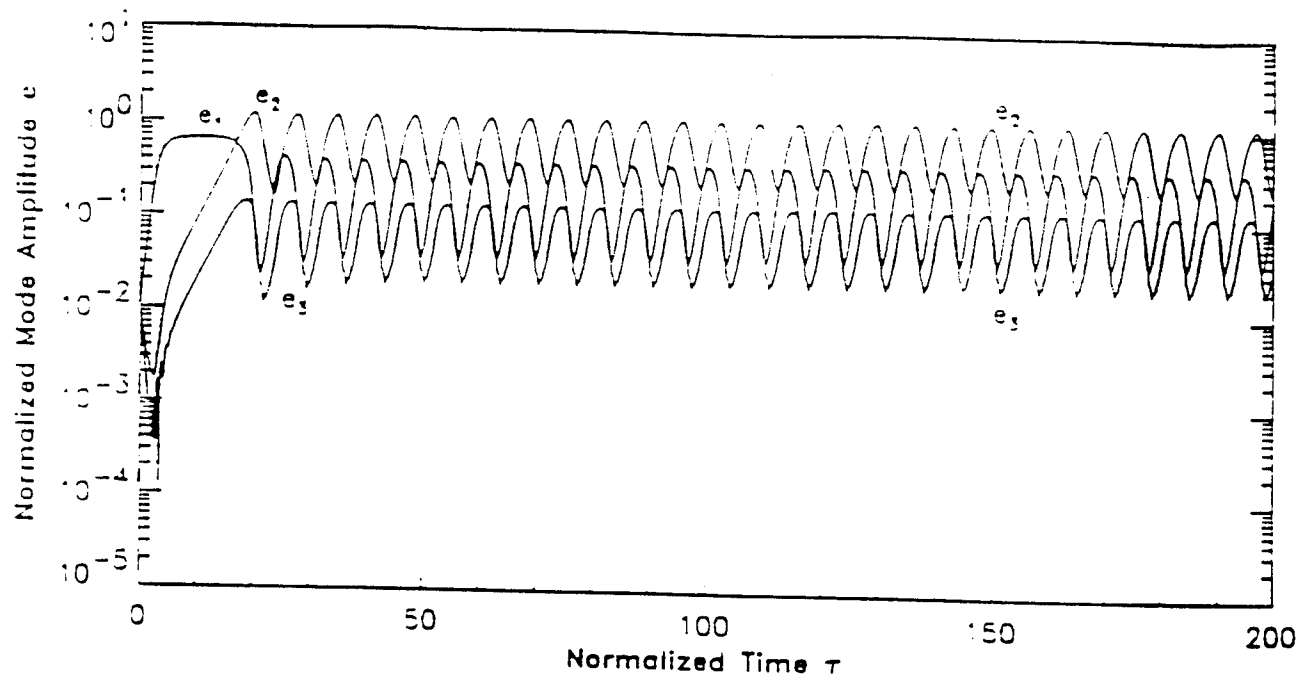
## CO-EXISTENCE OF THREE MODES



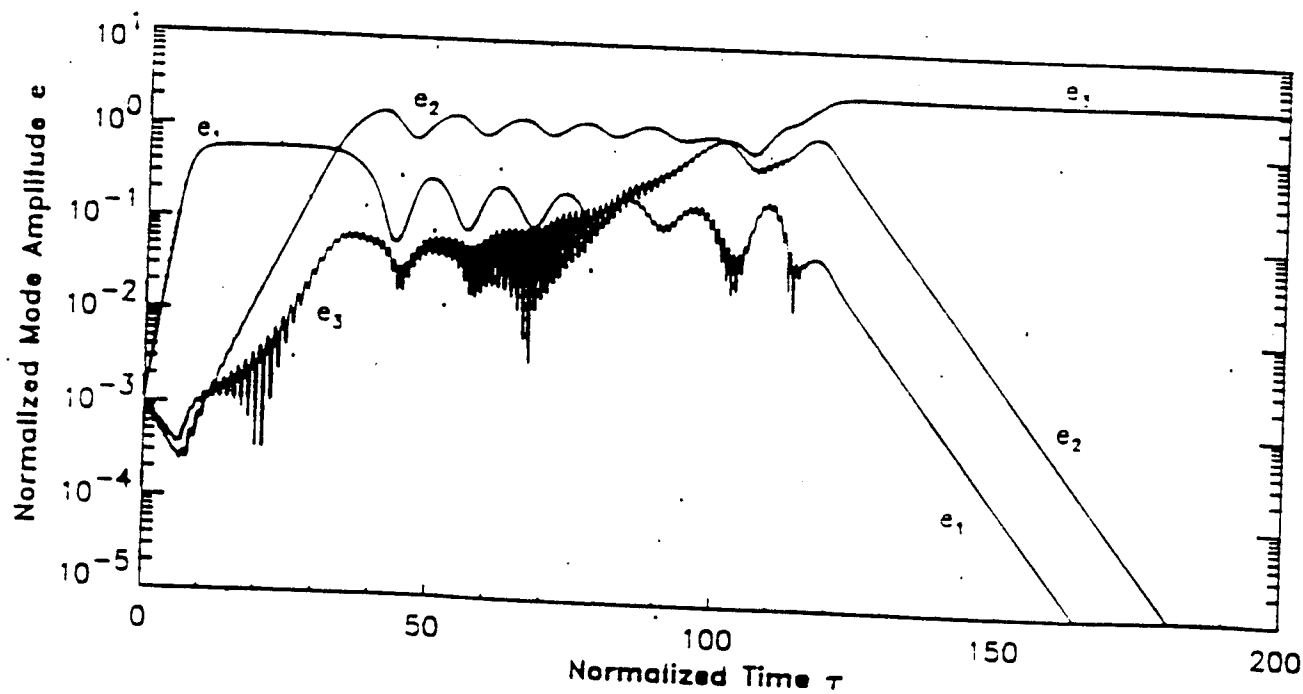
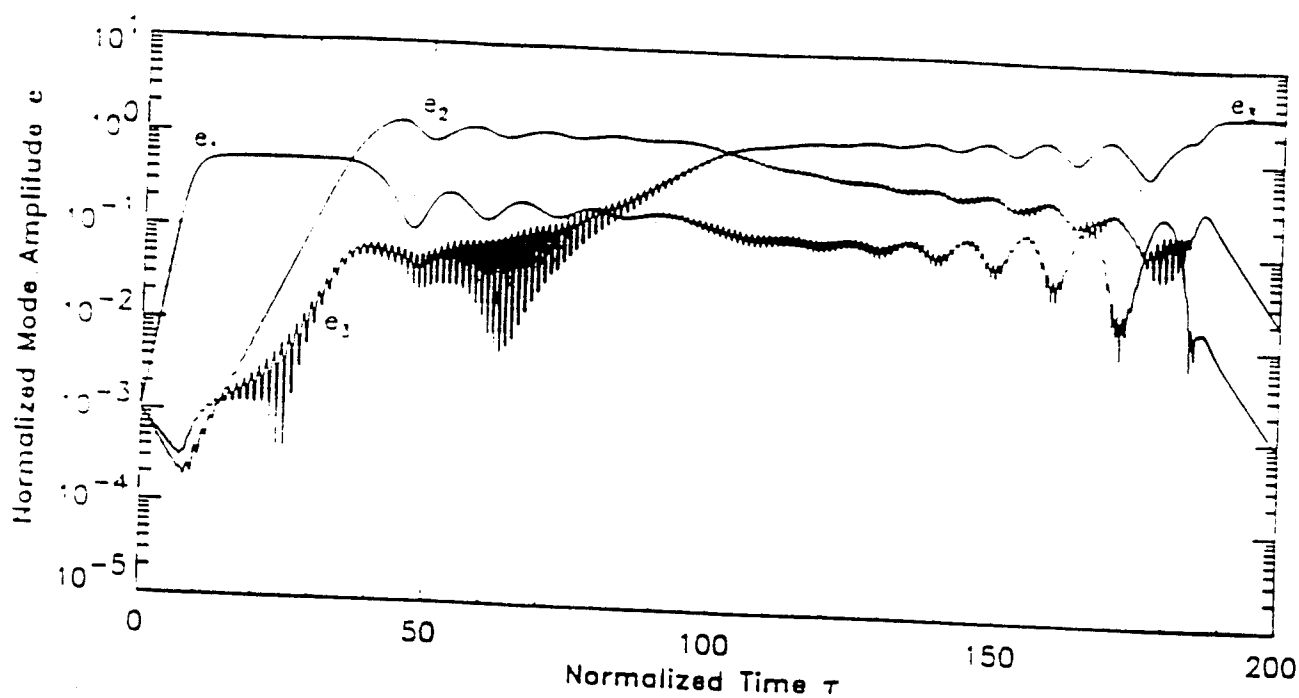
## PARAMETRIC EXCITATION OF SECOND HARMONIC



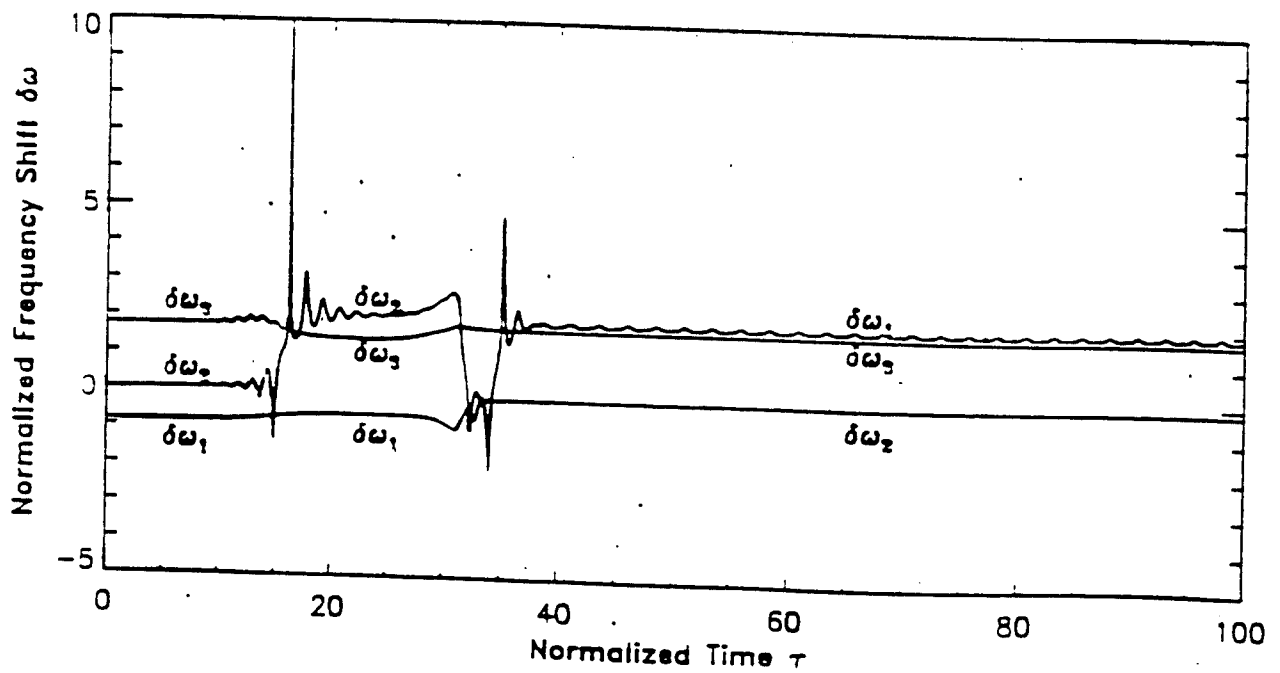
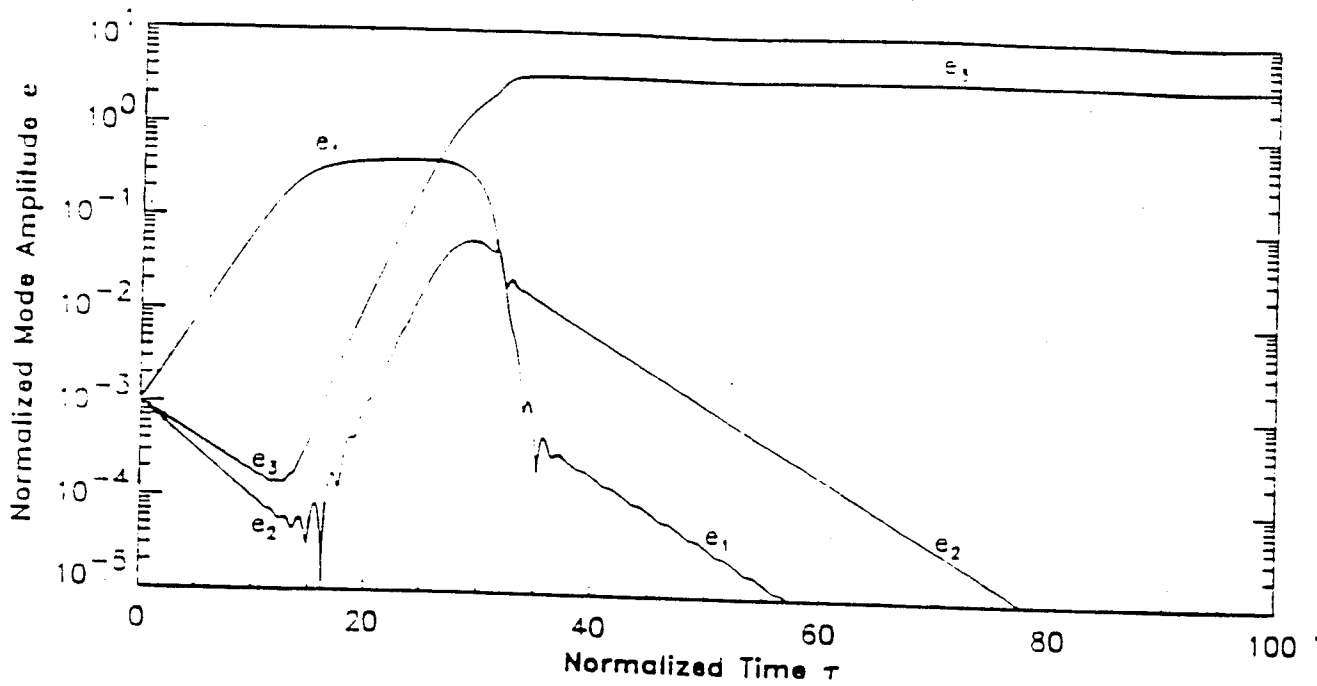
# CYCLIC MODE HOPPING



# PARAMETRIC EXCITATION OF THIRD HARMONIC

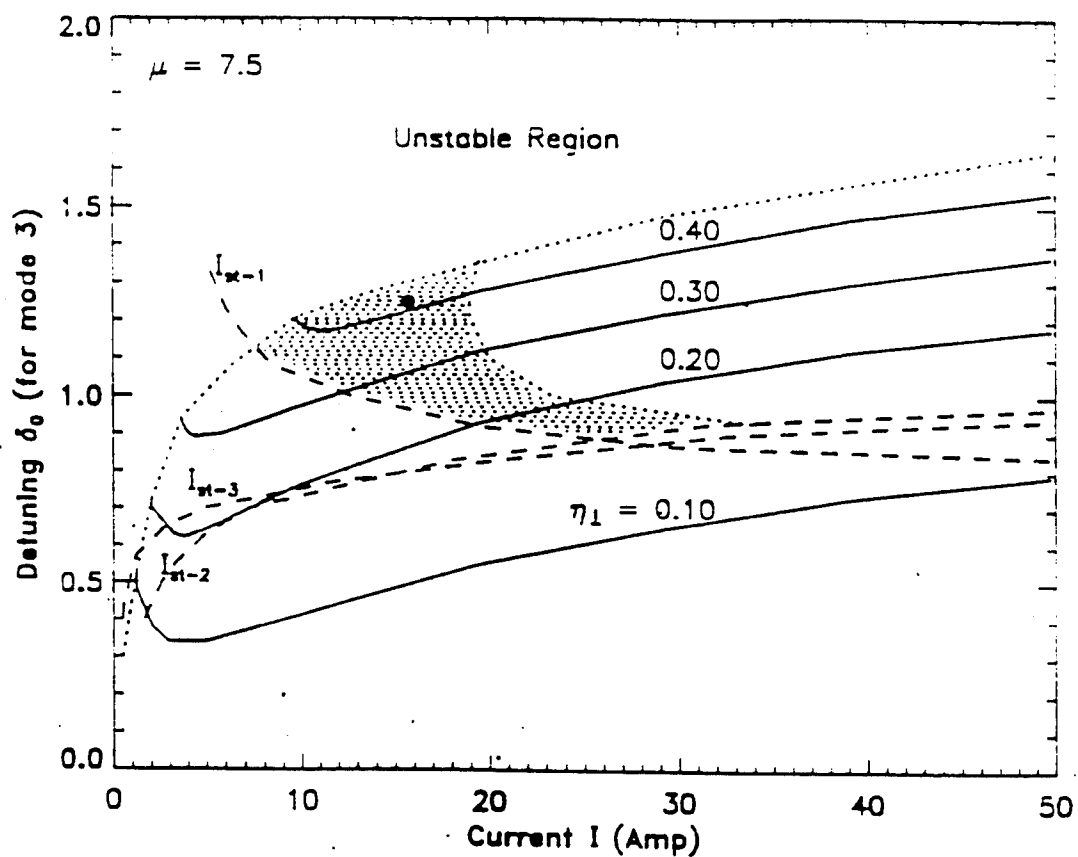


# PHASE-LOCKING OF MODES





# REGION OF PARAMETRIC EXCITATION OF A THIRD HARMONIC AT 94 GHZ



# DESIGN OF A THIRD HARMONIC GYROTRON

AT 94 GHZ

Mode 1 :  $TE(3.1)$  at  $s_1 = 1$

Mode 2 :  $TE(1.3)$  at  $s_2 = 2$

Mode 3 :  $TE(4.3)$  at  $s_3 = 3$

Selected Quantities:

Wall Radius  $r_w = 0.65 \text{ cm.}$

Beam Radius  $r_b = 0.42 \text{ cm.}$

Quality Factors:  $Q_1 = 300.$

$Q_2 = 1200.$        $Q_3 = 2700$

Normalized Parameters:

$\mu = 7.5.$        $t_p = 86.$        $\hat{I}_1 = 230.$

$\delta = 0.7.$        $e_3 = 3.18.$        $\eta_{\perp} = 0.412$

Corresponding Physical Quantities:

Interaction Length  $L_c = 4.14 \text{ cm}$

Operating Frequency  $f_3 = 94 \text{ GHz}$

Magnetic Field  $B_0 = 1.15 \text{ T}$

Beam Voltage  $V = 31 \text{ kV}$

Beam Current  $I = 15.75 \text{ Amp}$

Pitch Angle  $\alpha = 1.9$

Net Efficiency  $\eta = 32.3 \%$

Total Power Output  $P_0 = 158 \text{ kW}$

# Multi-frequency simulation of high gain fel oscillators

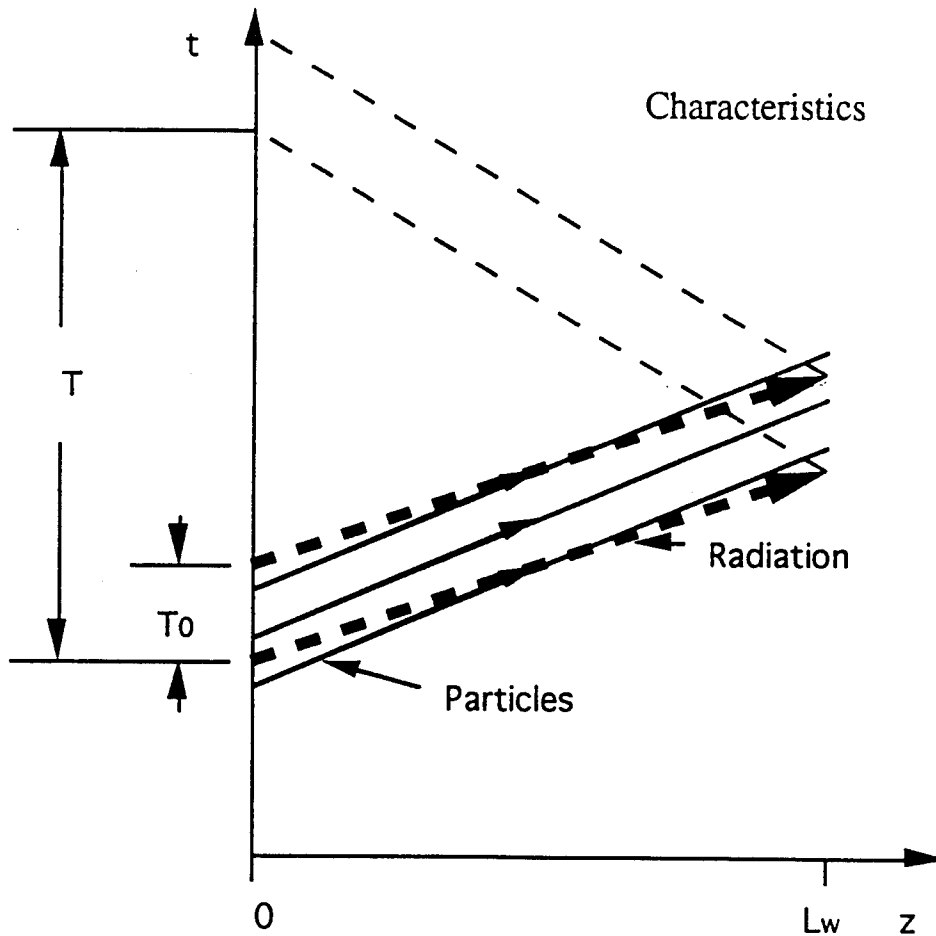
## Radiation

$$\left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v_g \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right] \delta a(z,t) = - \frac{\pi I v_g v_w(z) \mathbf{e}_y \cdot \mathbf{e}_r^* C}{I_A k_0 A_{eff} v_z} \langle \exp(-i \psi) \rangle$$

## Electrons

$$\left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right] \gamma = i \frac{k_0}{2} \delta a(z,t) v_w(z) \mathbf{e}_y \cdot \mathbf{e}_r C \exp(i \psi) + c.c.$$

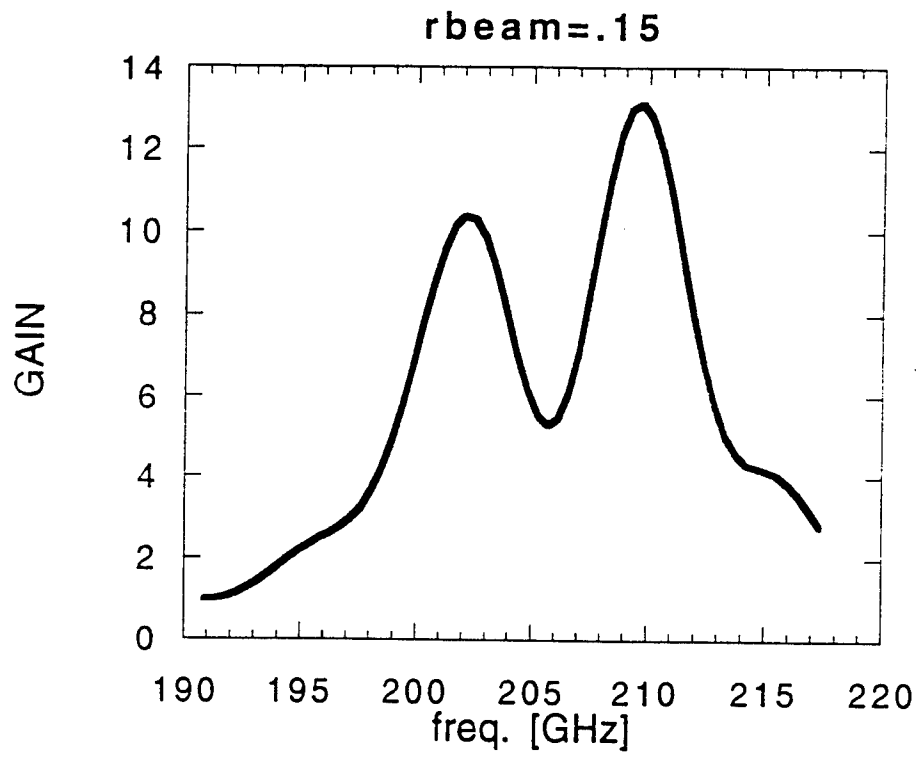
$$\left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right] \psi = (k + k_w) v_z - \omega$$



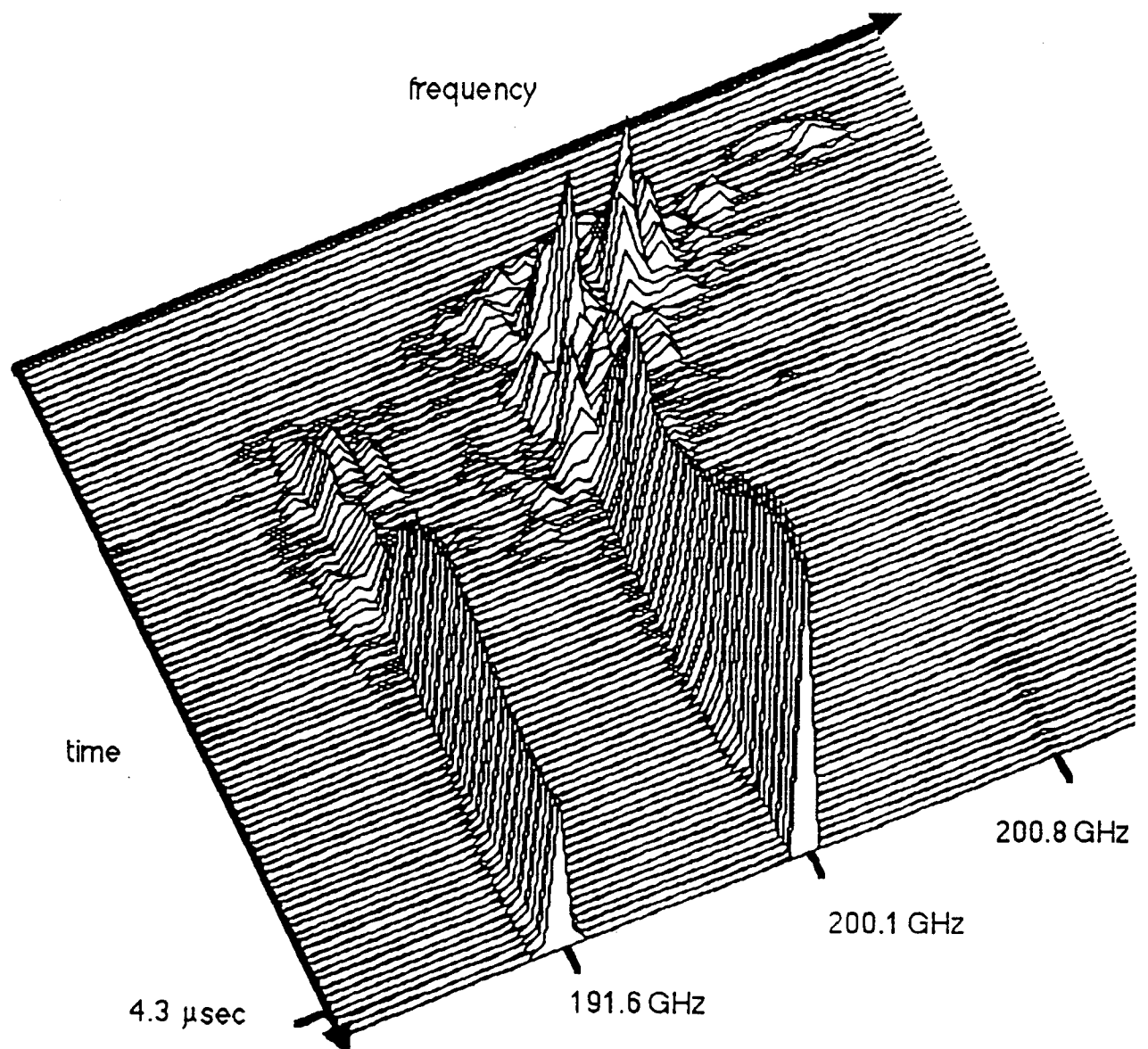
## Proposed FEM design

Beam voltage	1.75 MV
Beam current	12 A
Beam emittance	0
Beam radius	.15 cm
Wiggler period	4 cm
Peak field wiggler section 1	2 kG
Peak field wiggler section 2	1.7 kG
No. periods wiggler section 1	25 (23 full periods)
No. periods wiggler section 2	19 (17 full periods)
Inter wiggler gap	6 cm
Waveguide mode	HE <sub>11</sub> rectangular
Waveguide width	1.5 cm
Waveguide height	2.0 cm
Cutoff frequency	12.49 GHz
Cavity length	382 cm
Power reflection coefficient	.21

## Linear Gain



# Output Spectrum versus Time



# **Modeling of harmonic gyroklystrons, phase locked gyro-oscillators, and gyro-twystrons**

## **Recent Topics**

### **1. Theory of the relativistic gyrotwystron**

input: cavity

output: travelling wave amplifier

### **2. Two harmonic prebunching of electrons in multi-cavity gyrodevices**

input cavity: fundamental

second cavity: fundamental/second  
harmonic

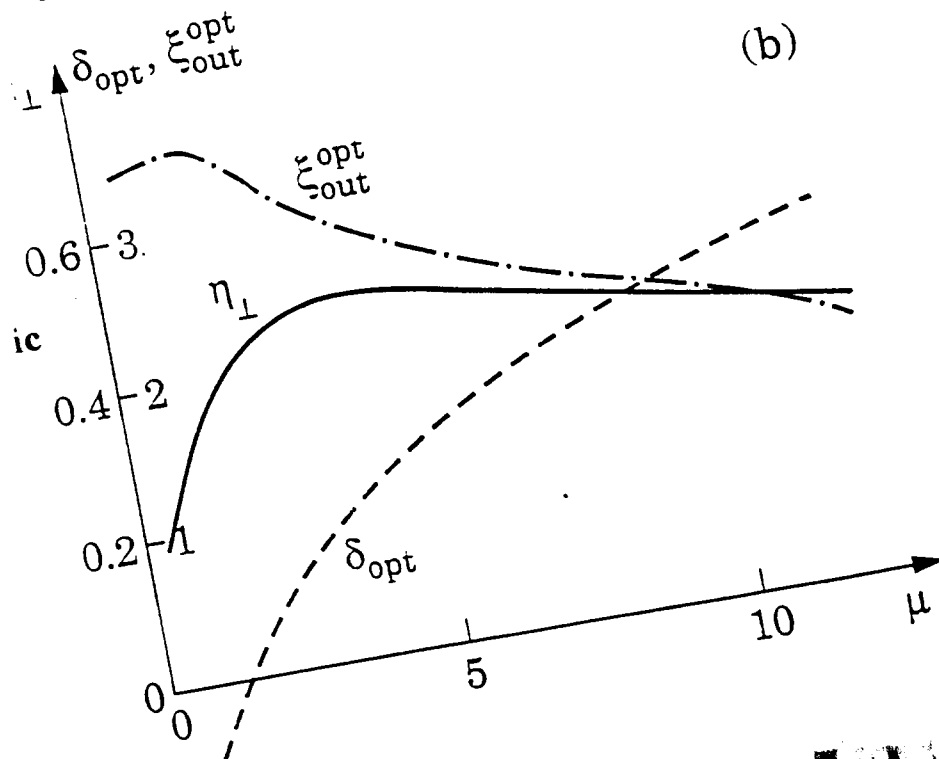
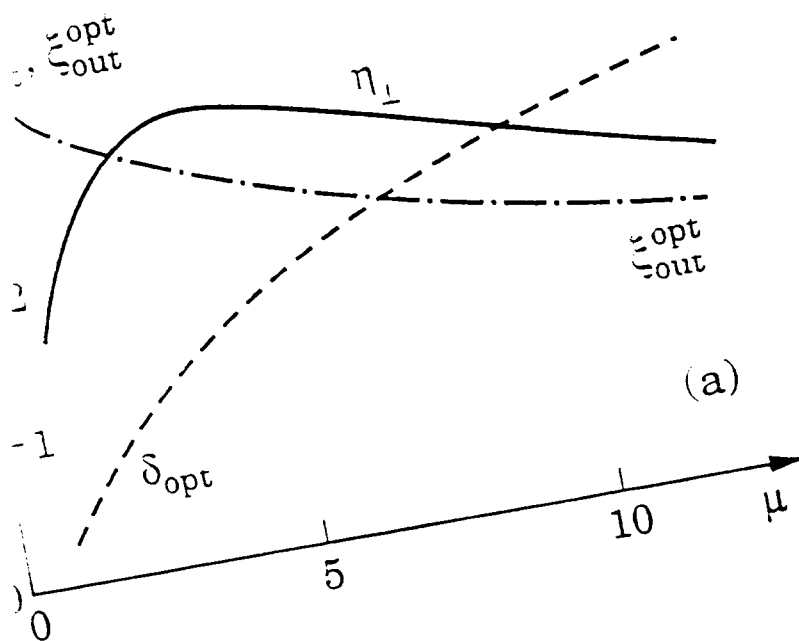
output cavity: fundamental-fourth harmonic

### **3. Theory of phase-locked gyrotrons operating at cyclotron harmonics**

input cavity: fundamental

output cavity: second harmonic

# relativistic gyrotwystron versus Output Cavity Length



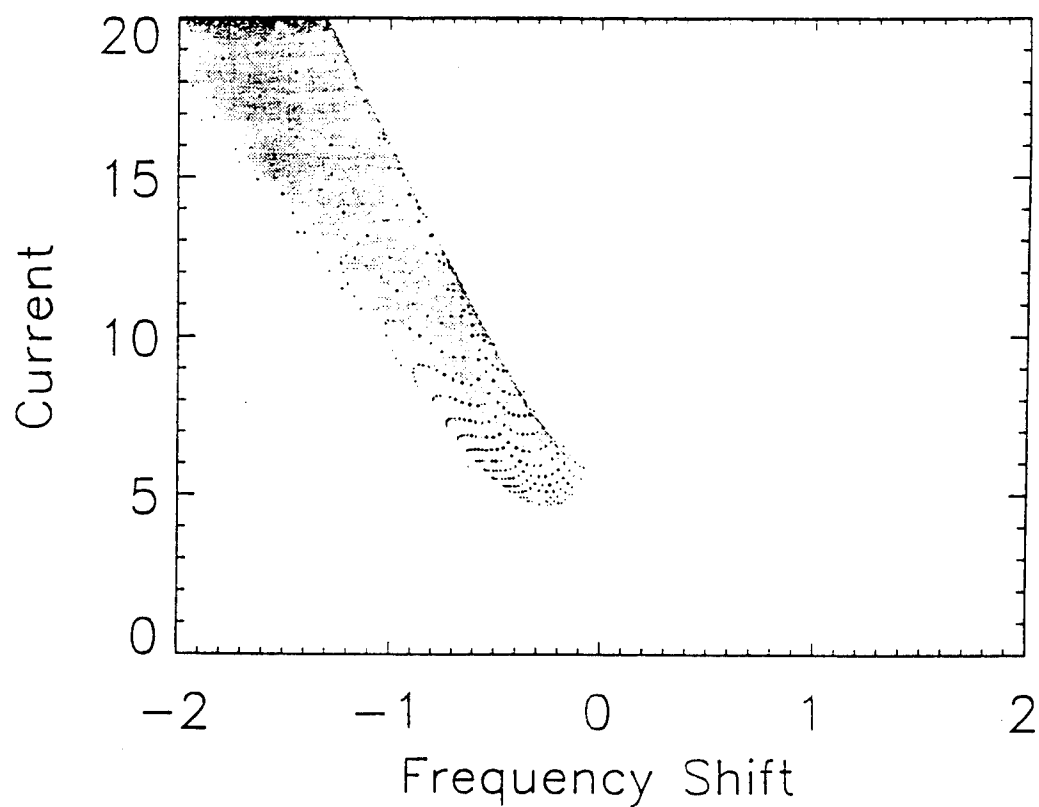
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### 3. Theory of phase-locked gyrotrons operating at cyclotron harmonics

#### Locking Bandwidth versus Beam Current

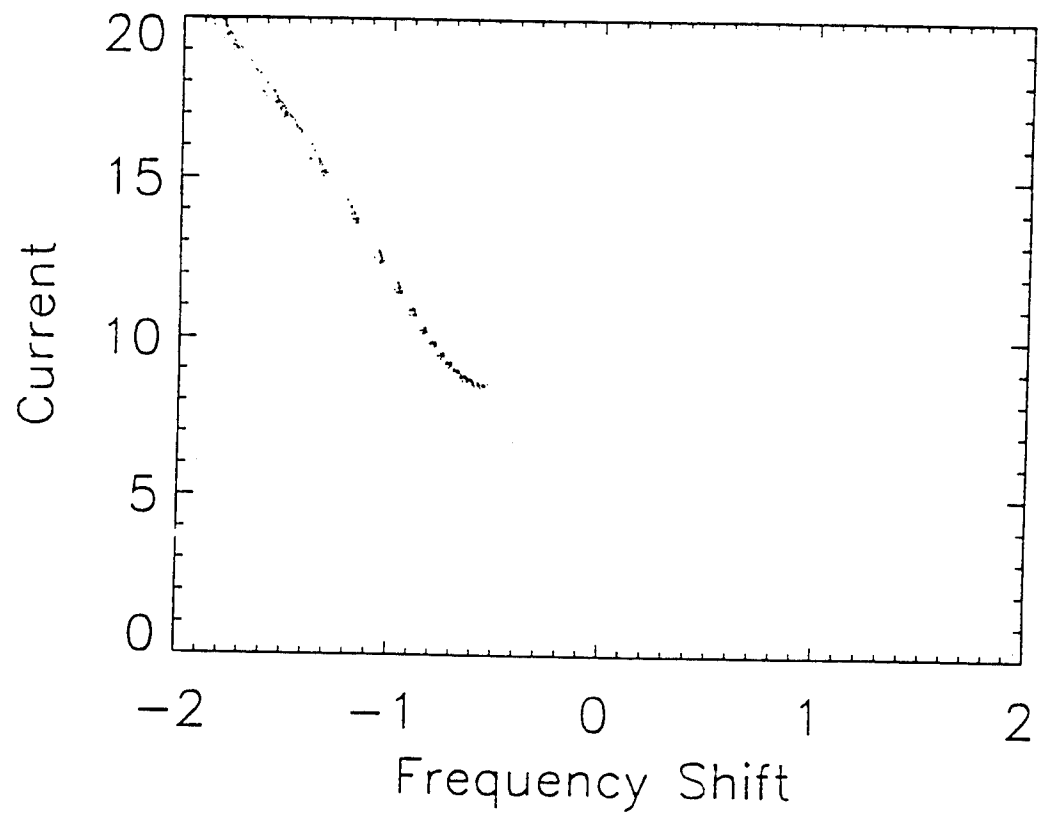
cold beam



### 3. Theory of phase-locked gyrotrons operating at cyclotron harmonics

#### Locking Bandwidth versus Beam Current

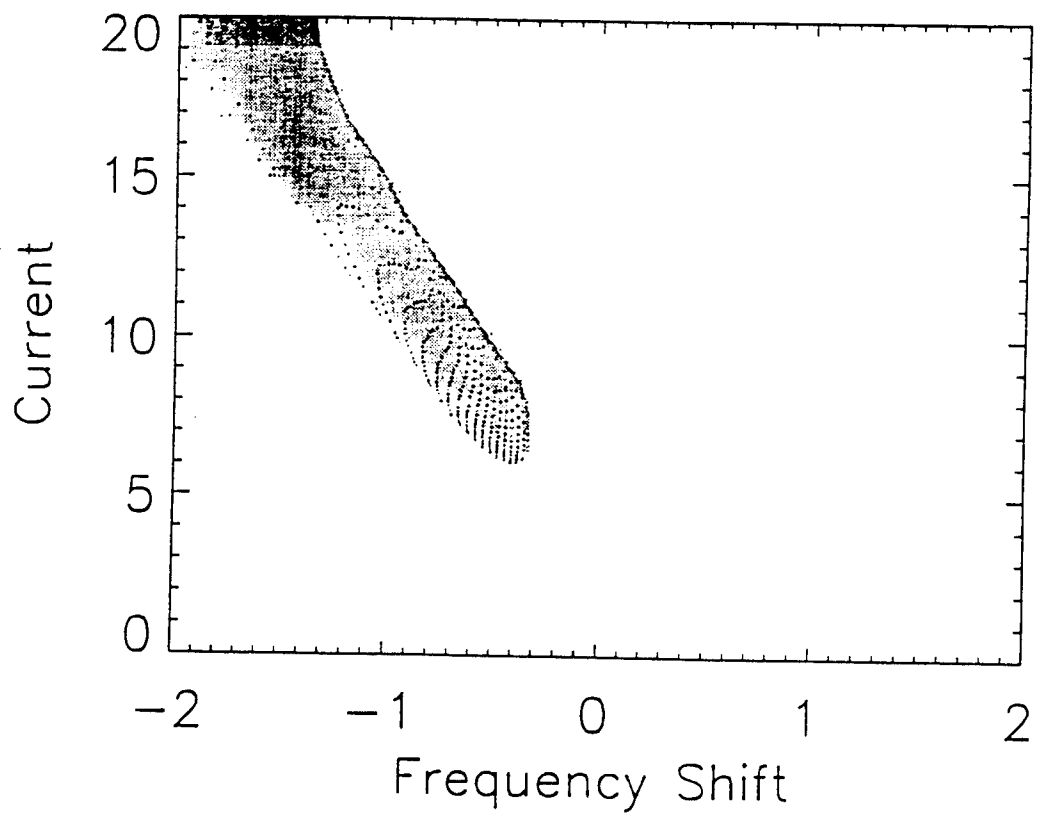
$$\delta\alpha/\alpha = .2$$



### 3. Theory of phase-locked gyrotrons operating at cyclotron harmonics

#### Locking Bandwidth versus Beam Current

$\delta\alpha/\alpha = .2$  with compensation



## **Current Efforts**

**Adapt individual models into a flexible simulation code for design and analysis of**

**Phase-locked harmonic gyrotron oscillators**

**Gyro-klystrons**

**Gyro-twistrons**

**Phigtrons**

## **Included effects**

**Frequency multiplication**

**Multiple sections**

**Backward waves**

# **NUMERICAL SIMULATION OF SLOW WAVE DEVICES**

## **MODELING OF**

**vacuum backward wave oscillators**

**plasma filled backward wave oscillators**

## **EXAMPLES**

**homogeneous slow wave structure**

**effect of the finite pulse duration**

**cyclotron absorption effect**

**effect of the non-synchronous harmonic**

**effect of plasma**

**non-homogeneous slow wave structure**

**efficiency enhancement**

## THEORETICAL MODEL

- representation of the field

$$E(x,t) = \{\varepsilon_{-}(z,t)e^{i(k_{-}z - \omega t)} E_p(x,k_{-}) + \varepsilon_{+}(z,t)e^{i(k_{+}z - \omega t)} E_p(x,k_{+})\} + c.c$$

$$B(x,t) = \{\varepsilon_{-}(z,t)e^{i(k_{-}z - \omega t)} B_p(x,k_{-}) + \varepsilon_{+}(z,t)e^{i(k_{+}z - \omega t)} B_p(x,k_{+})\} + c.c$$

$\varepsilon_{\pm}(z,t) \rightarrow$  slowly varying envelope

$$E_p(x, k_{\pm})$$

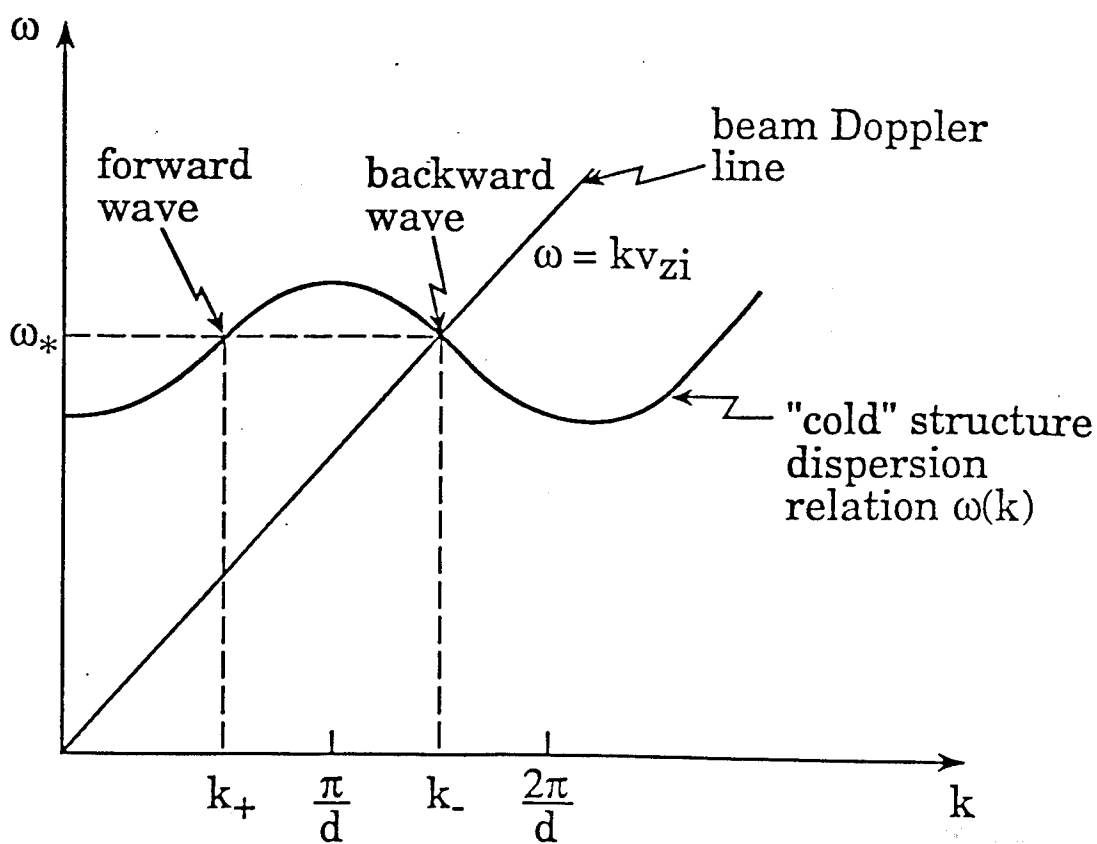
periodic functions

$$B_p(x, k_{\pm})$$

$$E_p(x, k_{\pm}) = \sum_n E_n(x_{\perp}, k_{\pm}) e^{ink_0 z}$$

$$k_0 = \frac{2\pi}{d}$$

$$B_p(x, k_{\pm}) = \sum_n B_n(x_{\perp}, k_{\pm}) e^{ink_0 z}$$



$$\frac{\partial \epsilon_-}{\partial t} + v_{g,-} \frac{\partial \epsilon_-}{\partial z} = - \int_0^d dz$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi/\omega} dt \int d^2 \mathbf{x}_\perp \mathbf{E}_p^*(\mathbf{x}, k_-) \cdot \mathbf{j} e^{-i(k_- z - \omega t)} / U, \quad (9)$$

- electromagnetic energy per  $|\epsilon^2|$  contained in one period

$$U = \int_0^d dz \int d^2 \mathbf{x}_\perp \frac{|\mathbf{E}_p|^2 + |\mathbf{B}_p|^2}{4\pi} \quad (10)$$

- group velocity for the vacuum backward electromagnetic wave

$$v_{g,-} = \int_0^d dz \int d^2 \mathbf{x}_\perp \frac{c}{4\pi} \vec{z}_0 \cdot (\mathbf{E}_p(\mathbf{x}, k_-) \times \mathbf{B}_p^*(\mathbf{x}, k_-)) / U \quad (11)$$



- particle motion

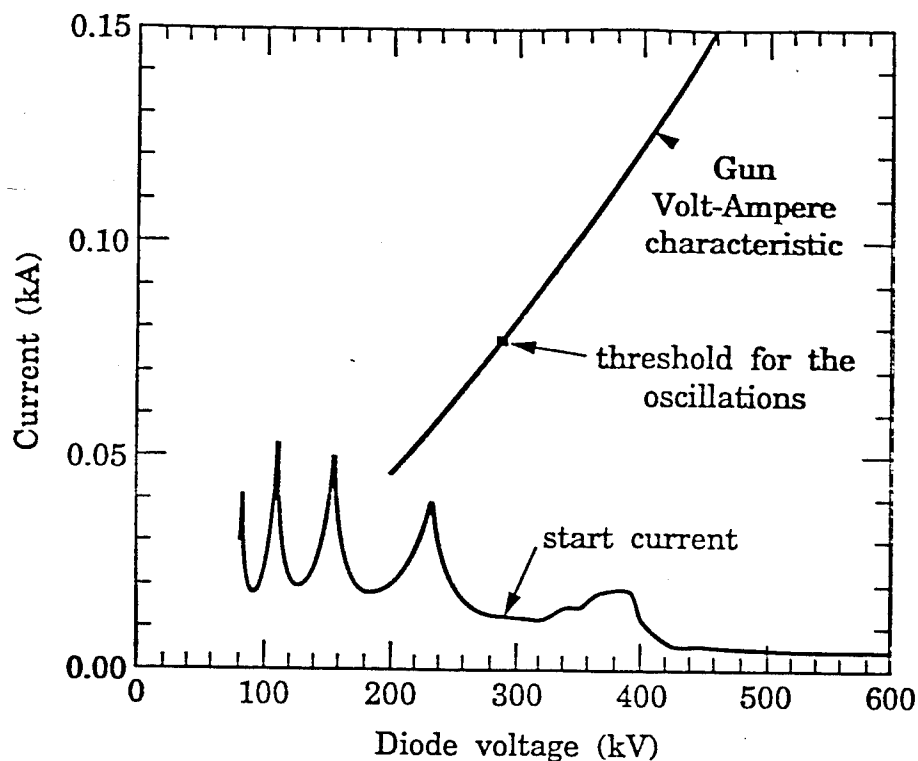
$$\frac{dp}{dt} = q \left[ E + \frac{\mathbf{v}}{c} \times (B + B_{ext}) \right]$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{v}$$

- assume that only two spatial harmonics of the backward wave can interact strongly with the beam

$$E(x,t) = \varepsilon_- e^{i(k_- z - \omega t)} \left[ a_0 E_0(x, k_-) + a_{-1} E_{-1}(x, k_-) e^{-i(k_0 z)} \right] + c.c$$

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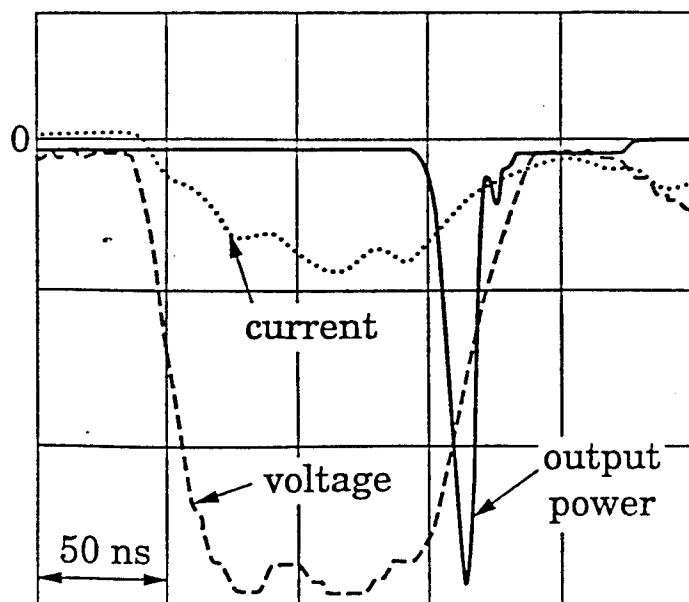
$$d = 1.67 \text{ cm}$$

$$L = 8d$$

$$r_{\text{max}} = 1.9$$

$$r_{\text{min}} = 1.1$$

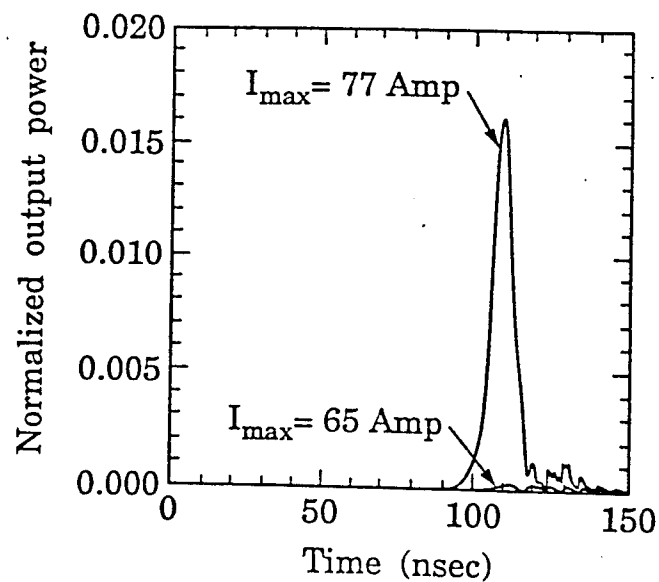
experiment

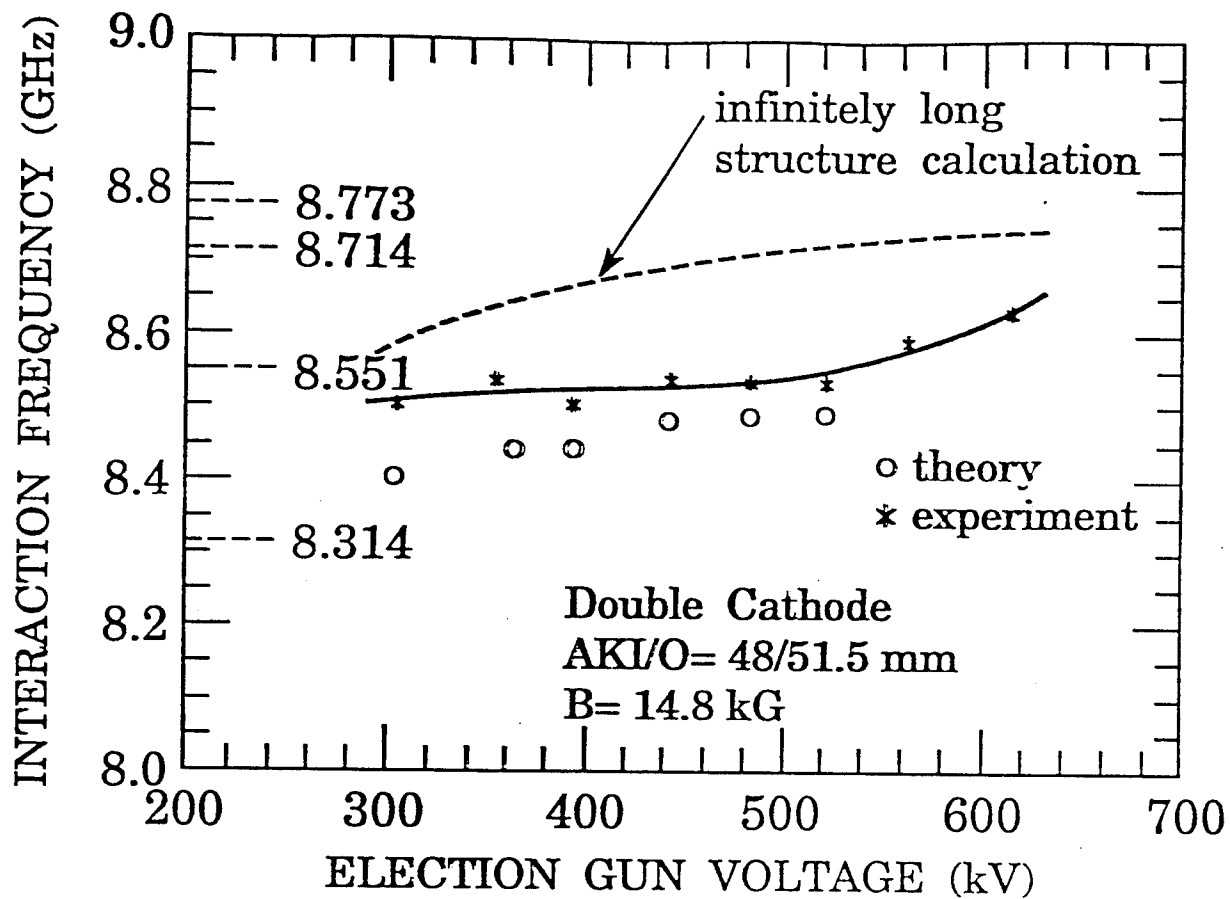


$$V_{\text{max}} = 289 \text{ kV}$$

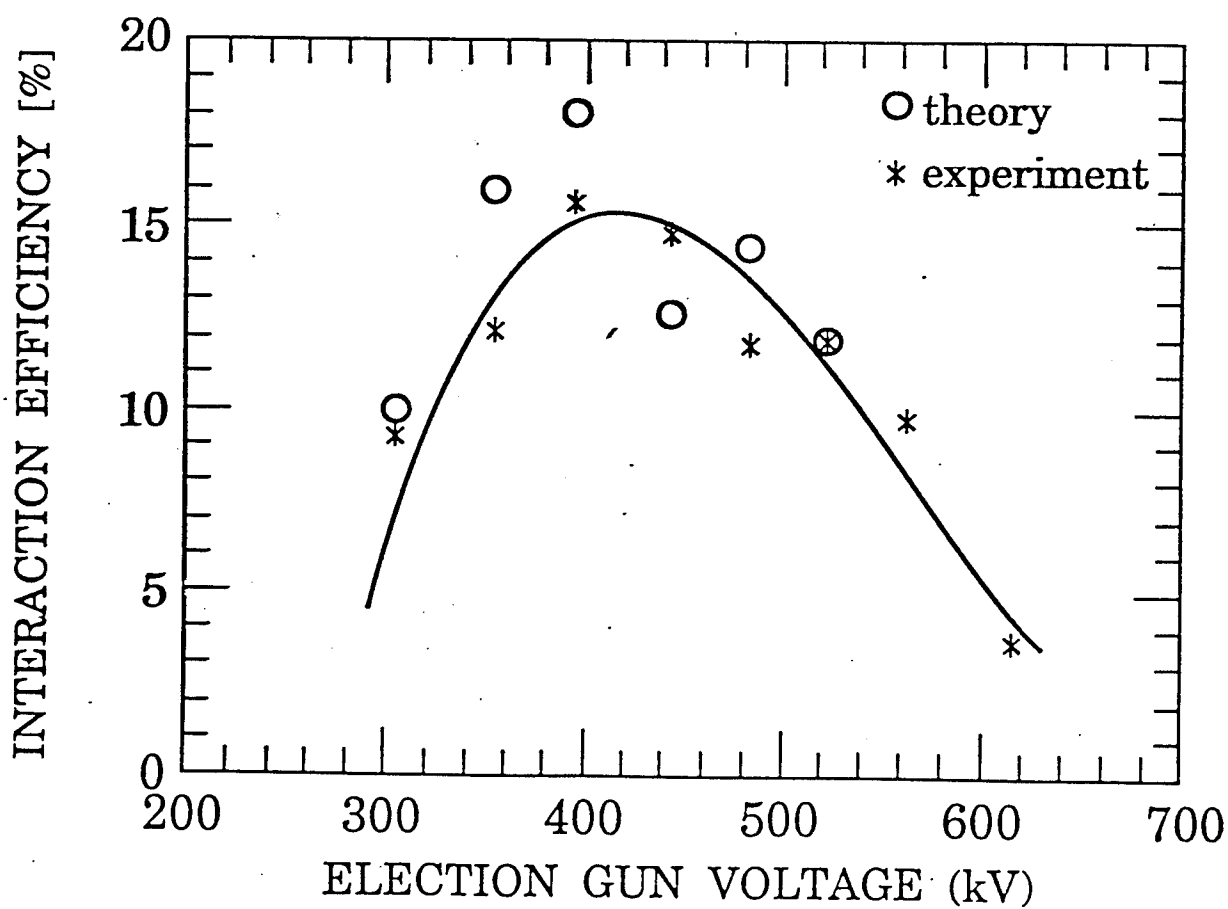
$$I_{\text{max}} = 77 \text{ A}$$

theory





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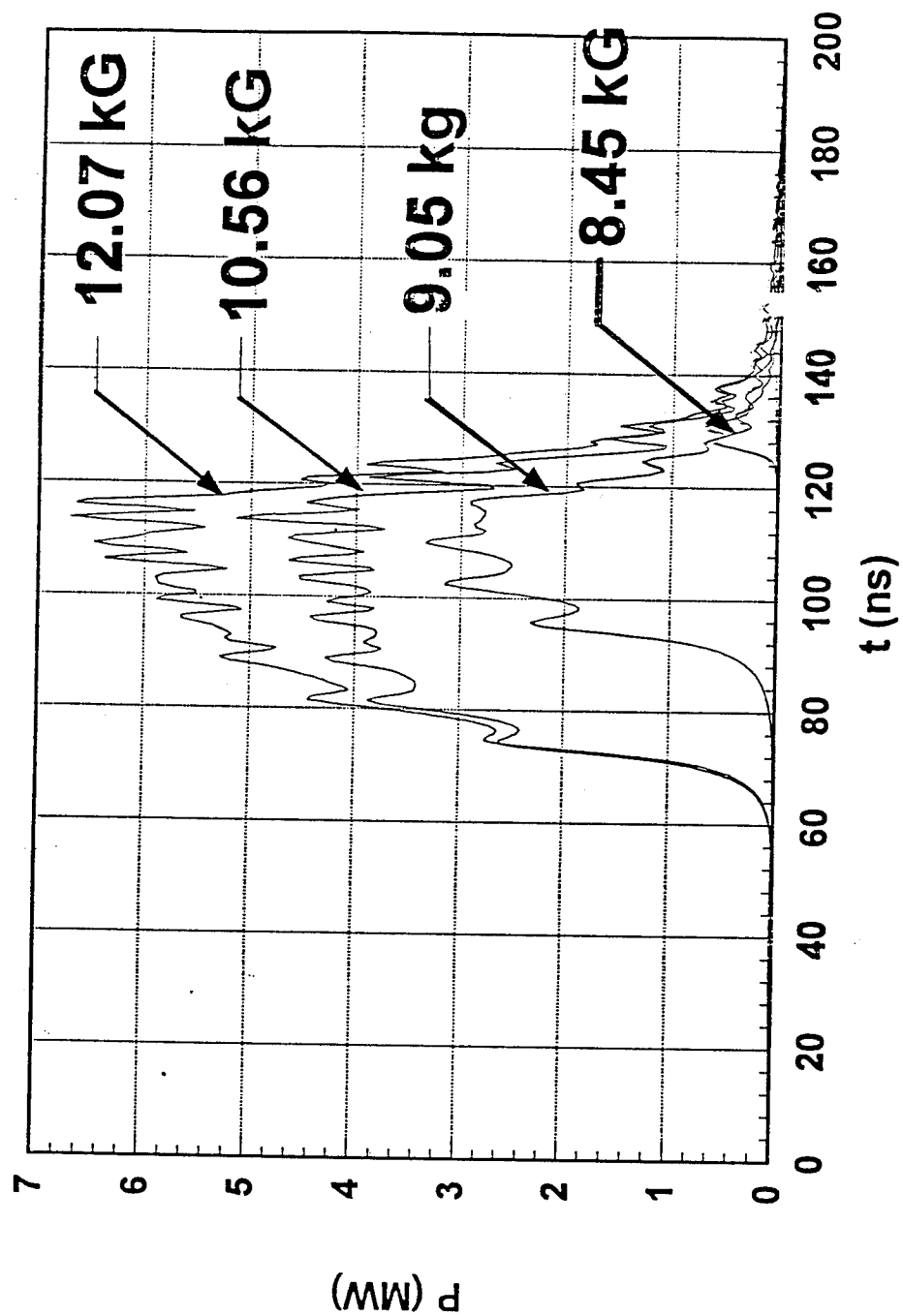


(b)

$$I = 110 \text{ A}$$

$$V = 412 \text{ kV}$$

## Cyclotron Absorption Effect

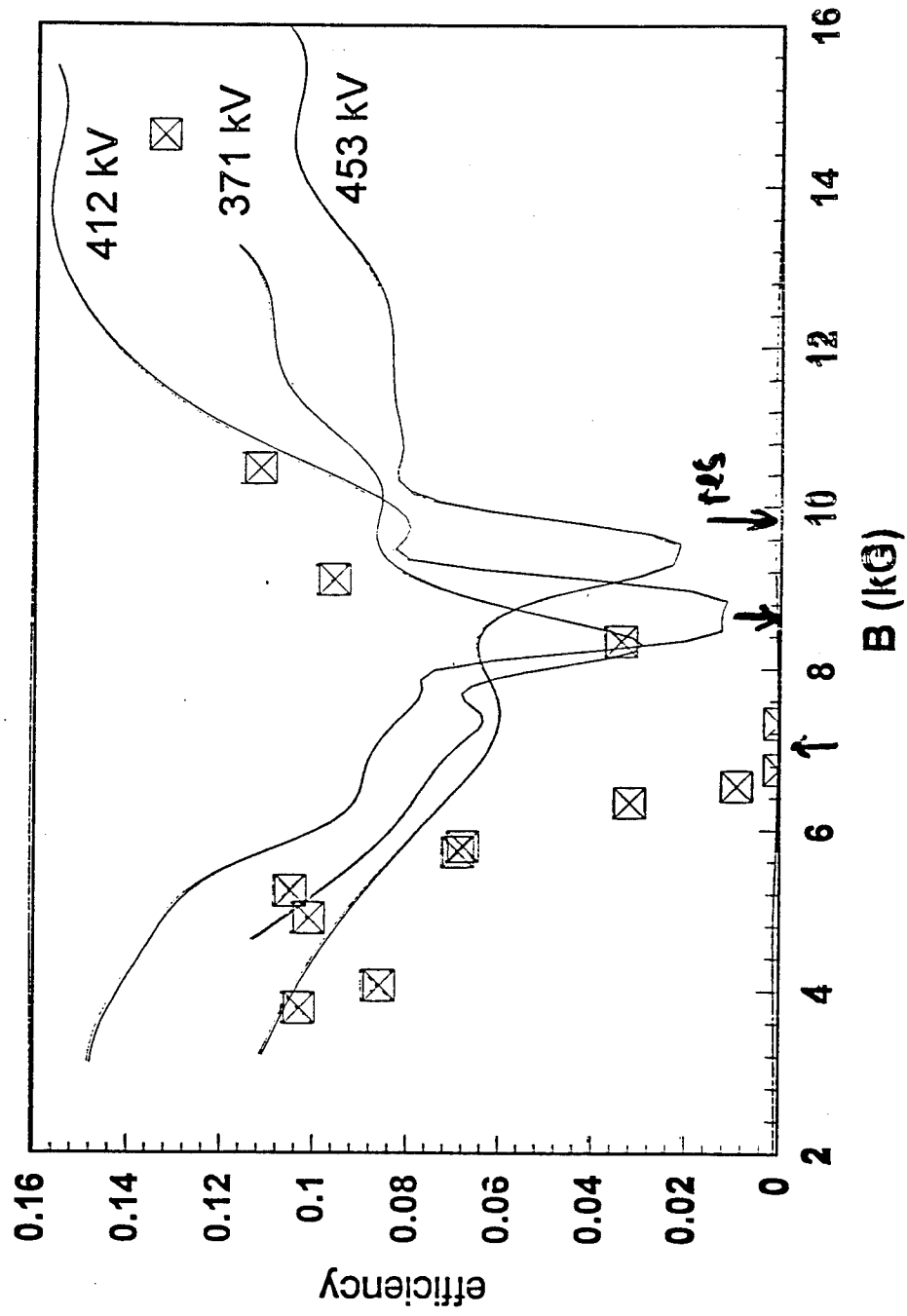


$$\beta_{res} \approx 9.6 \text{ kG}$$

$$\beta_{sim} \approx 8.5 \text{ kG}$$

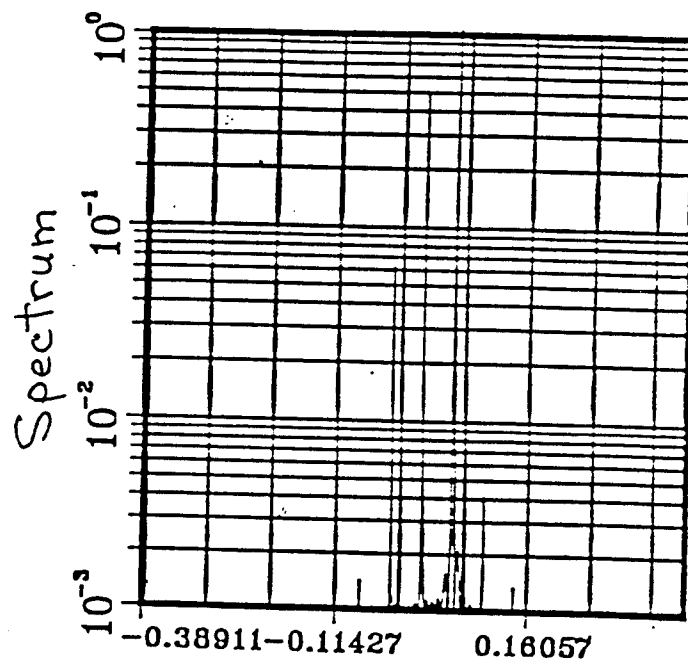
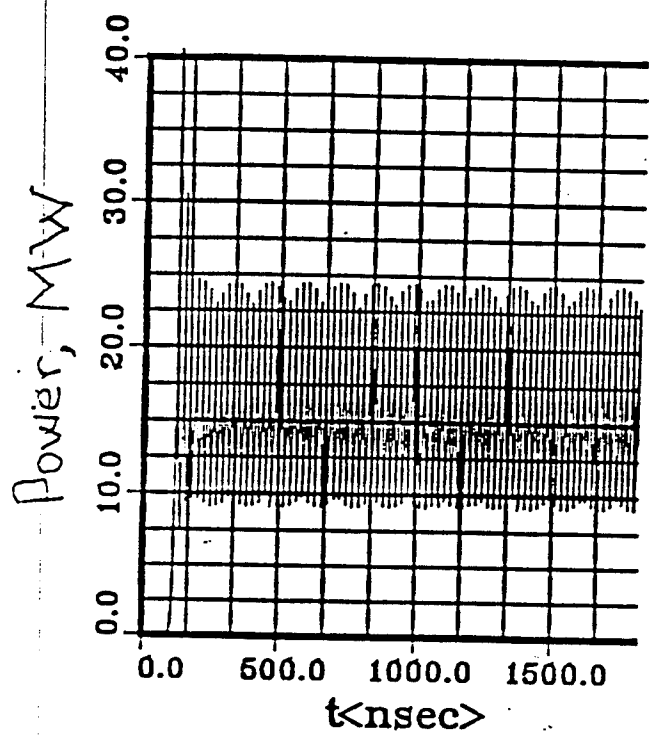
$$\beta_{exp} \approx 7.3 \pm 0.3$$

# Cyclotron Absorption Effect

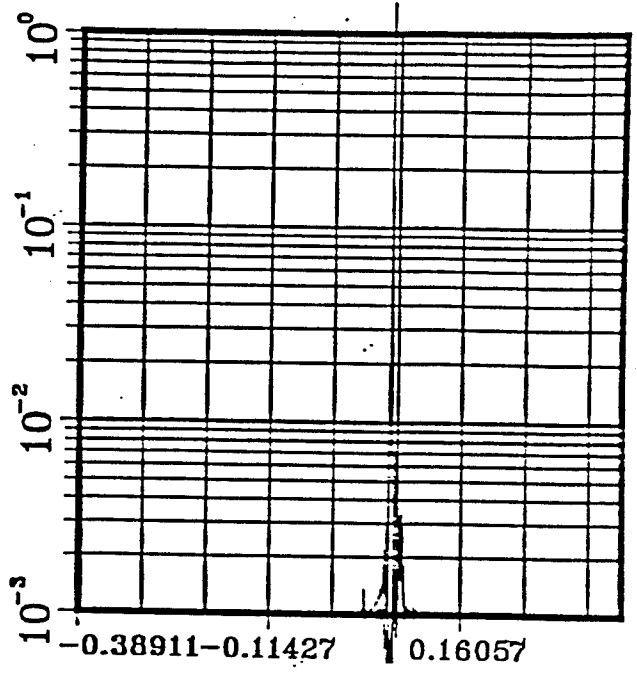
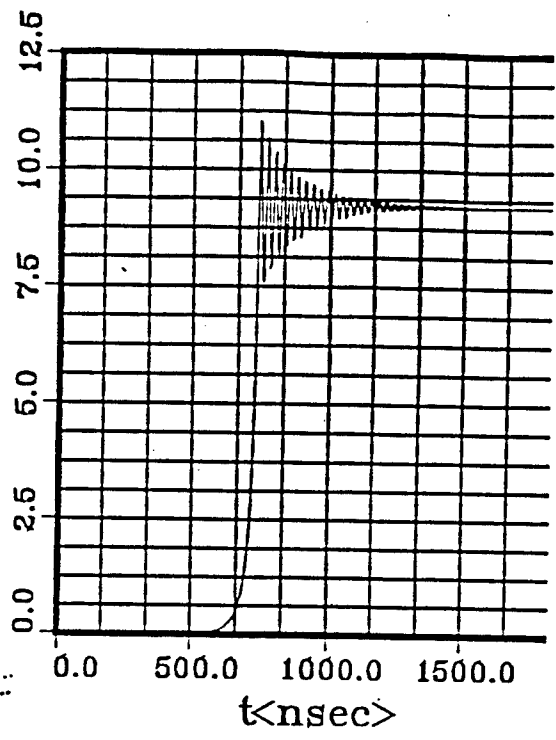


$$\theta_{ws} = \frac{mc}{q} \frac{2\pi}{d} (\alpha\beta)$$

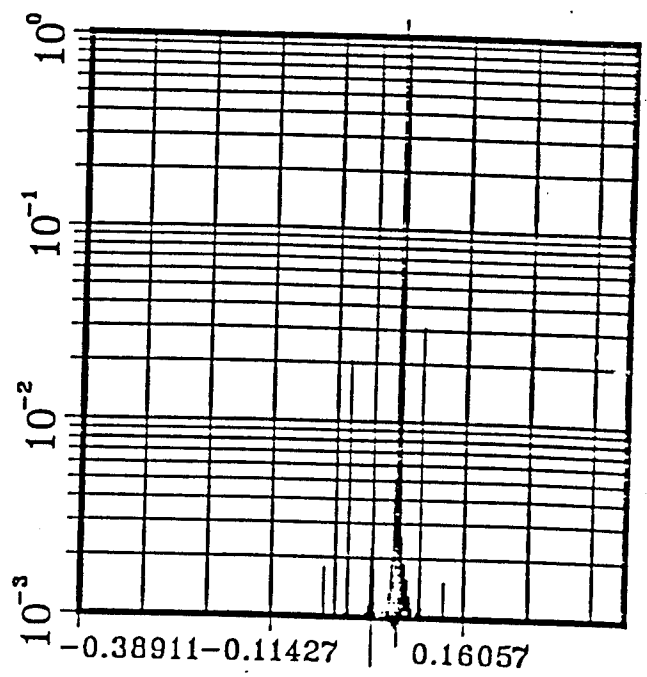
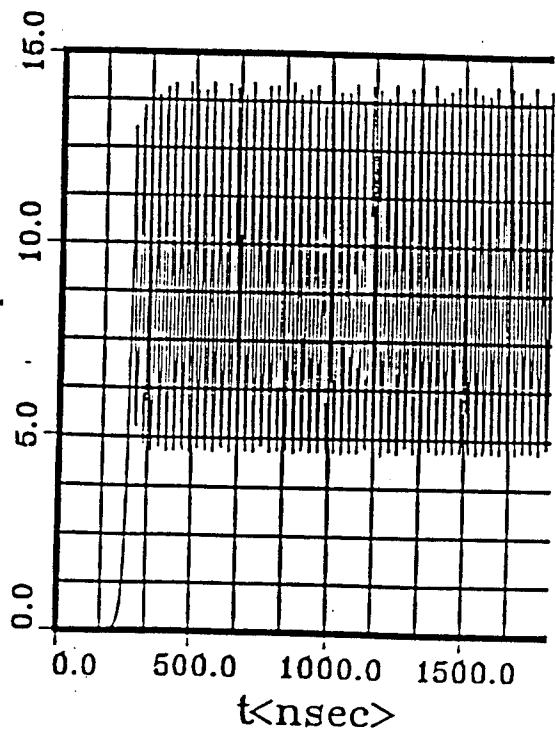
Only the synchronous harmonic



$$\psi = 0$$



$$\psi = \frac{\pi}{6}$$



# **Modeling of plasma filled Backward Wave Oscillator**

**Ph. D. Thesis**

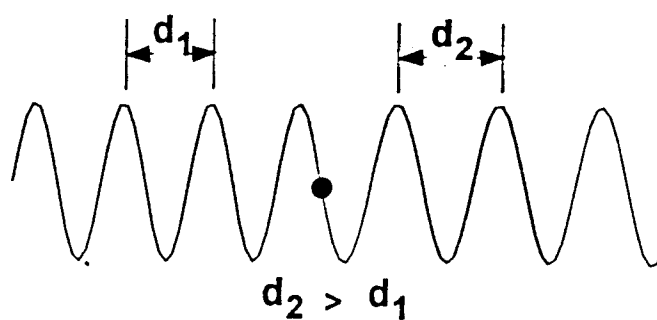
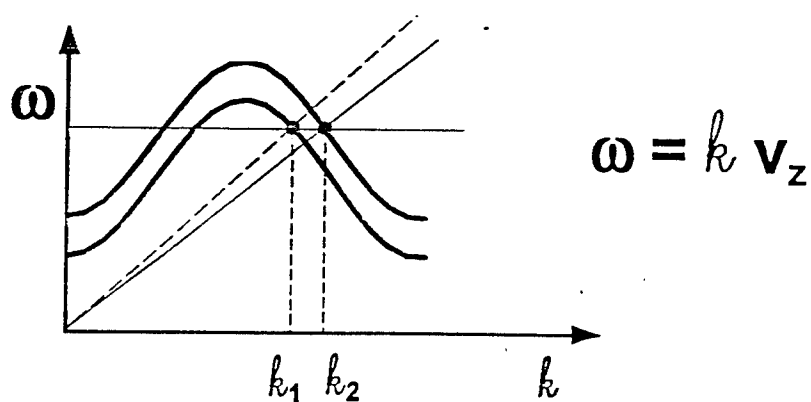
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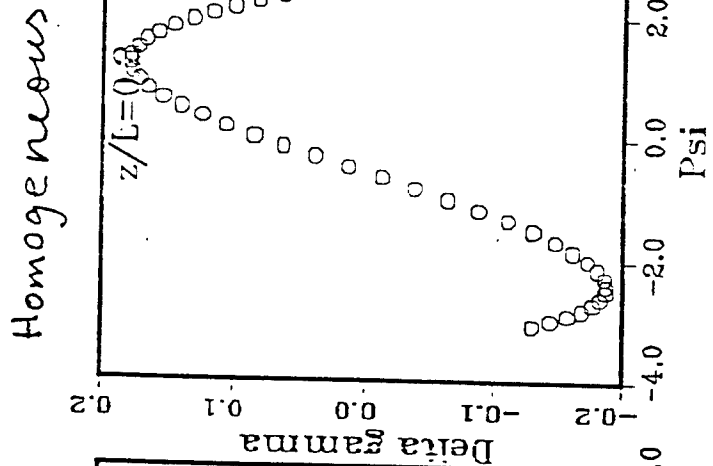
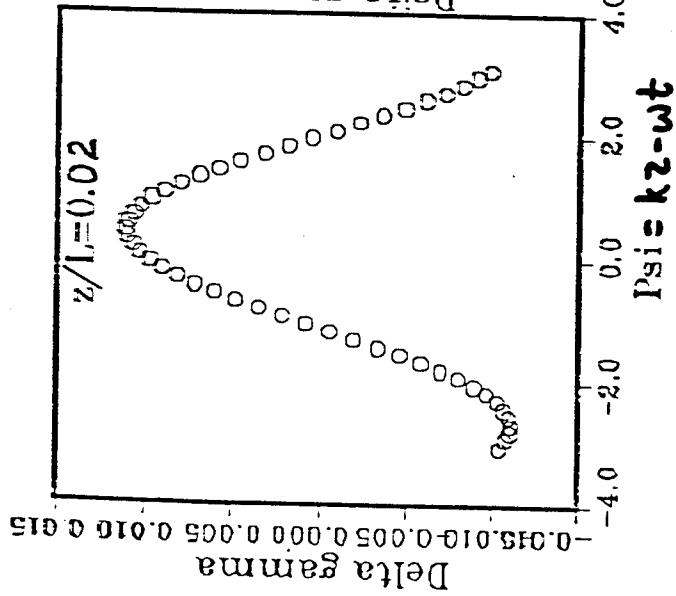
## **Efficiency enhancement of relativistic backward wave oscillator**

- **vary coupling impedance  
along the interaction region**
- **sudden increase in phase  
velocity of the synchronous  
wave.**

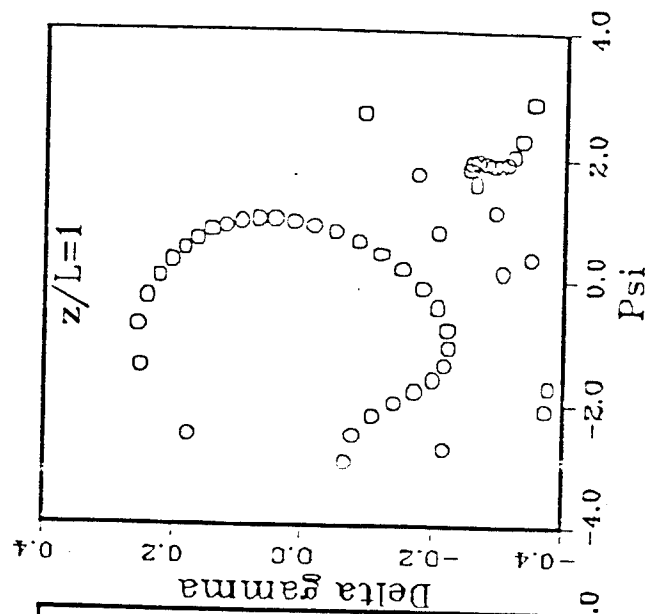
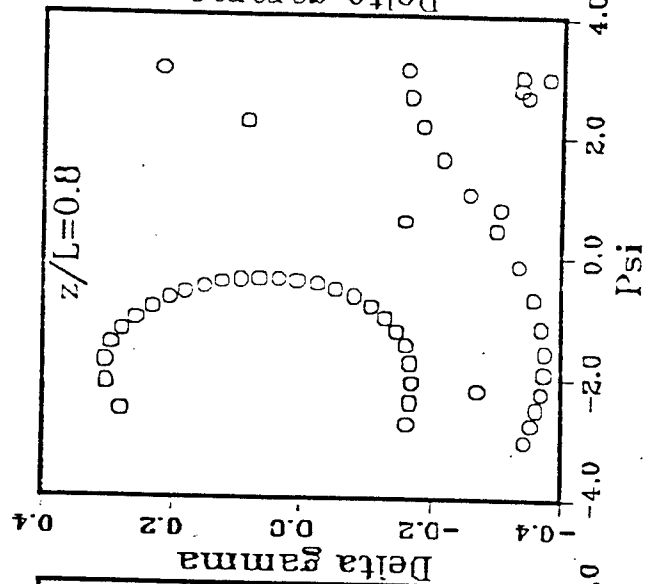
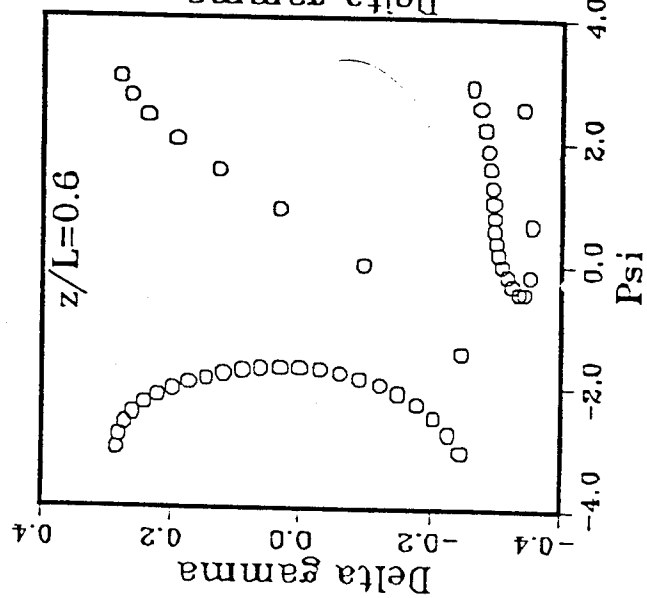
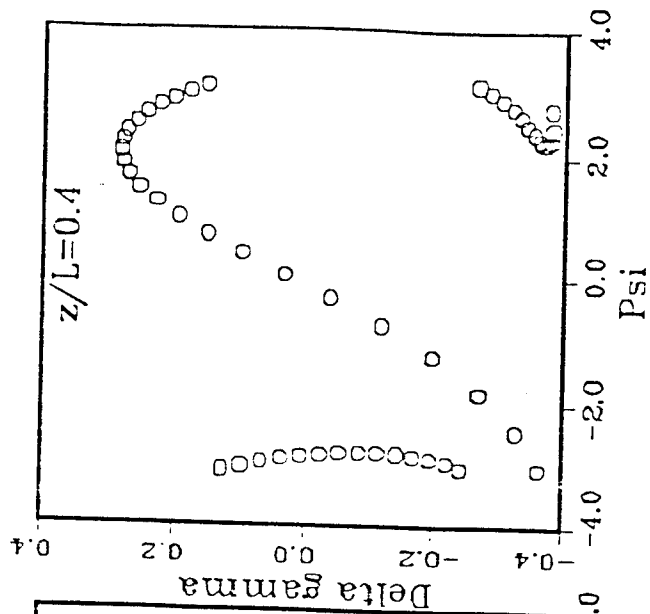
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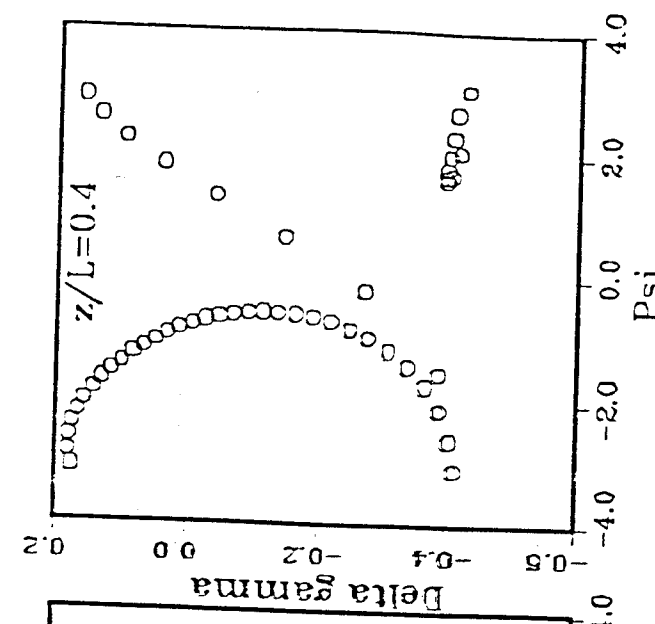
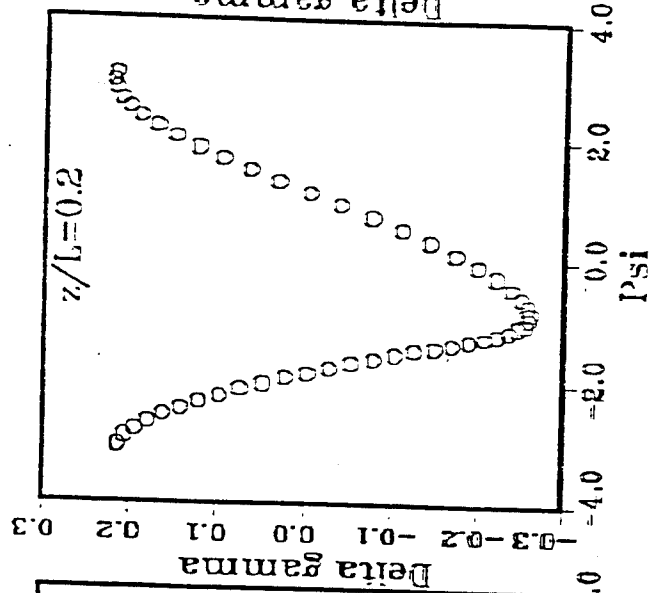
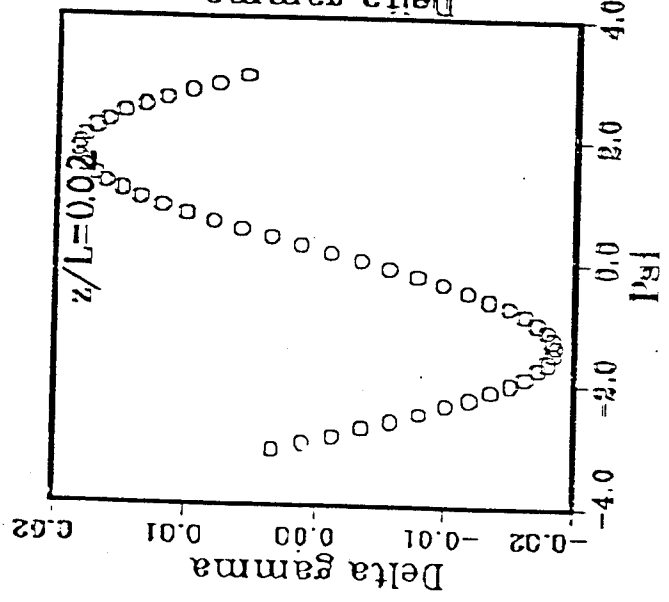
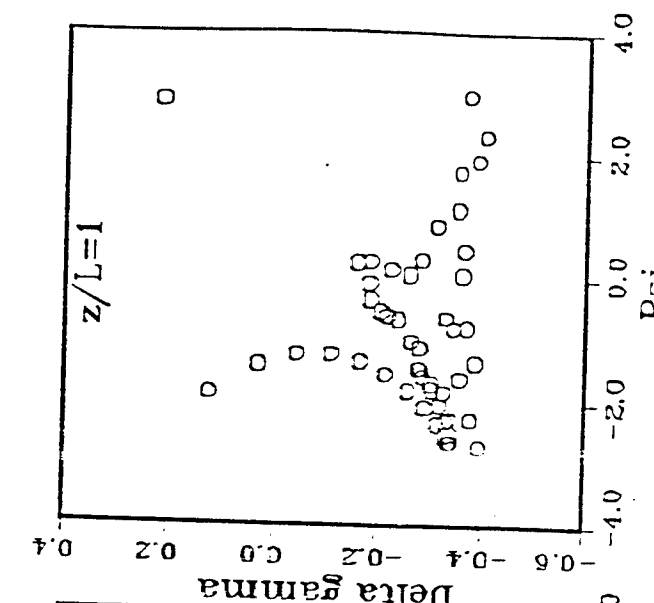
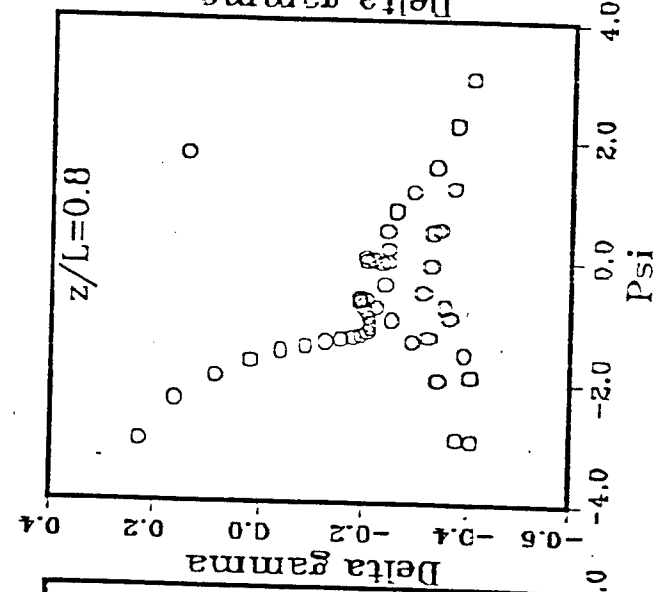
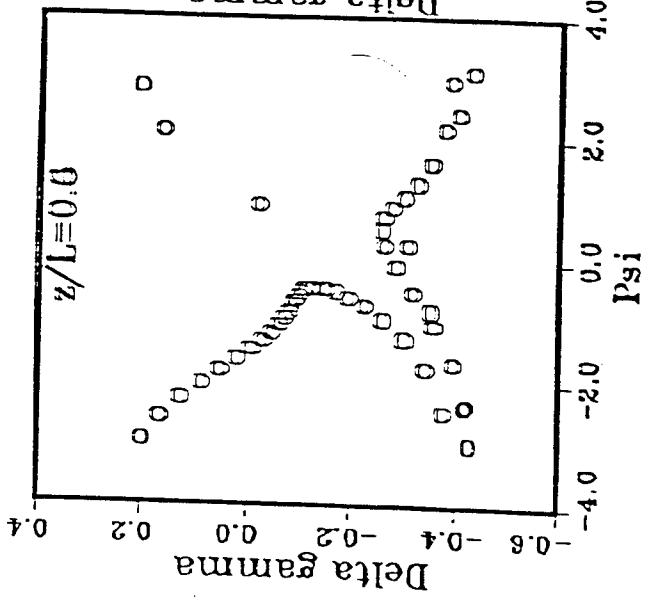


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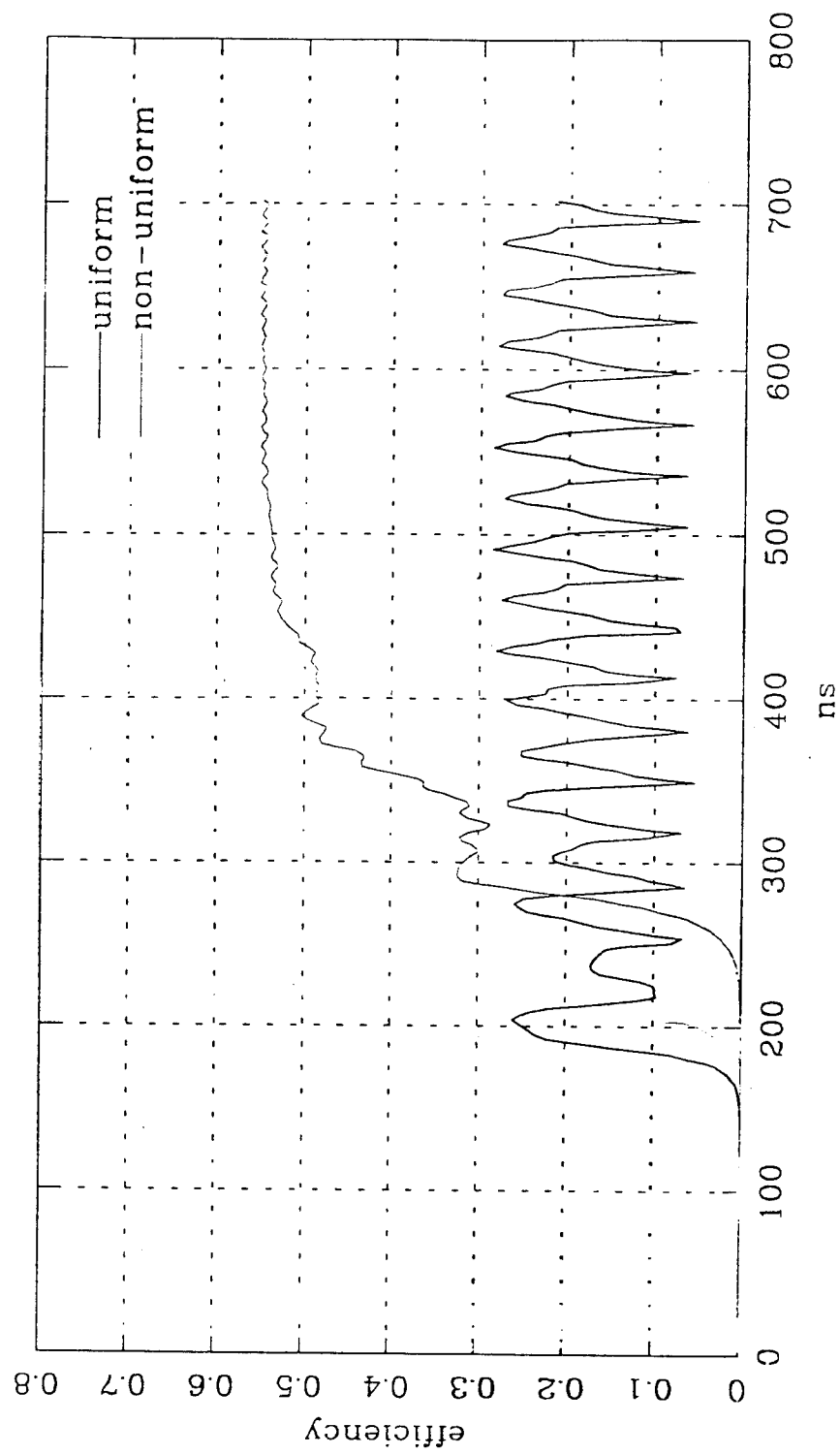


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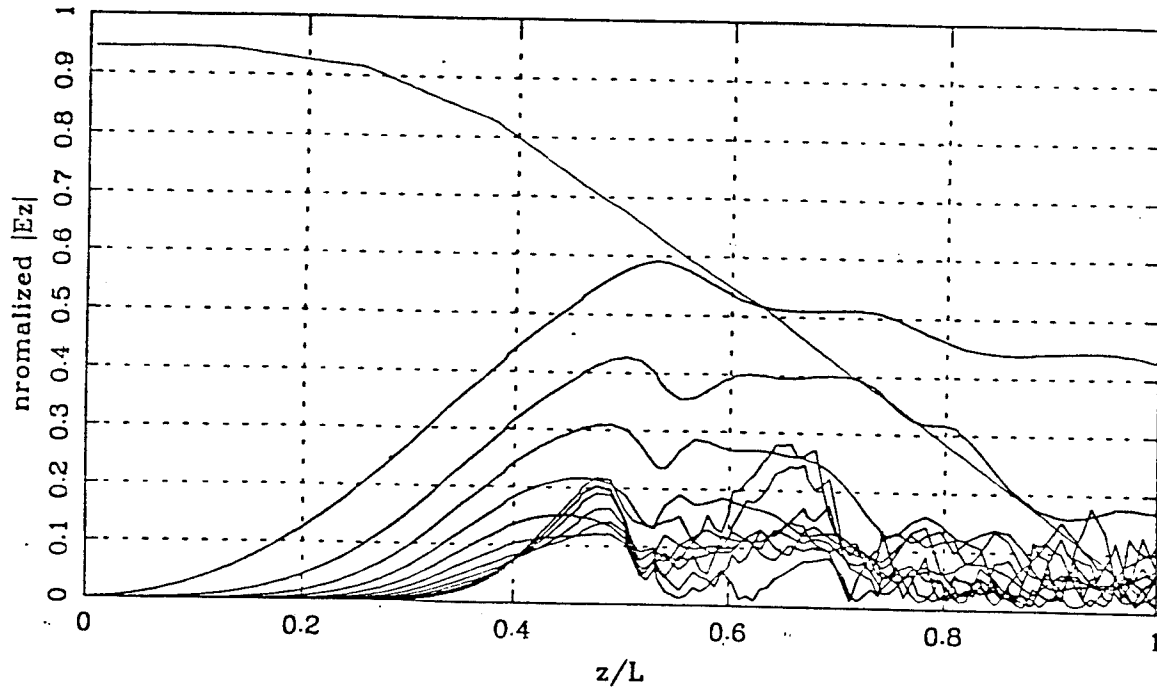




Efficiency vs. time (500 keV & 100 A beam)  
with space charge neglected for uniform  
and non-uniform structures



Amplitude of synchronus field (red) and  
space charge harmonics fields (black)  
vs. axial distance  
(500 keV & 5 kA uniform sturcture)

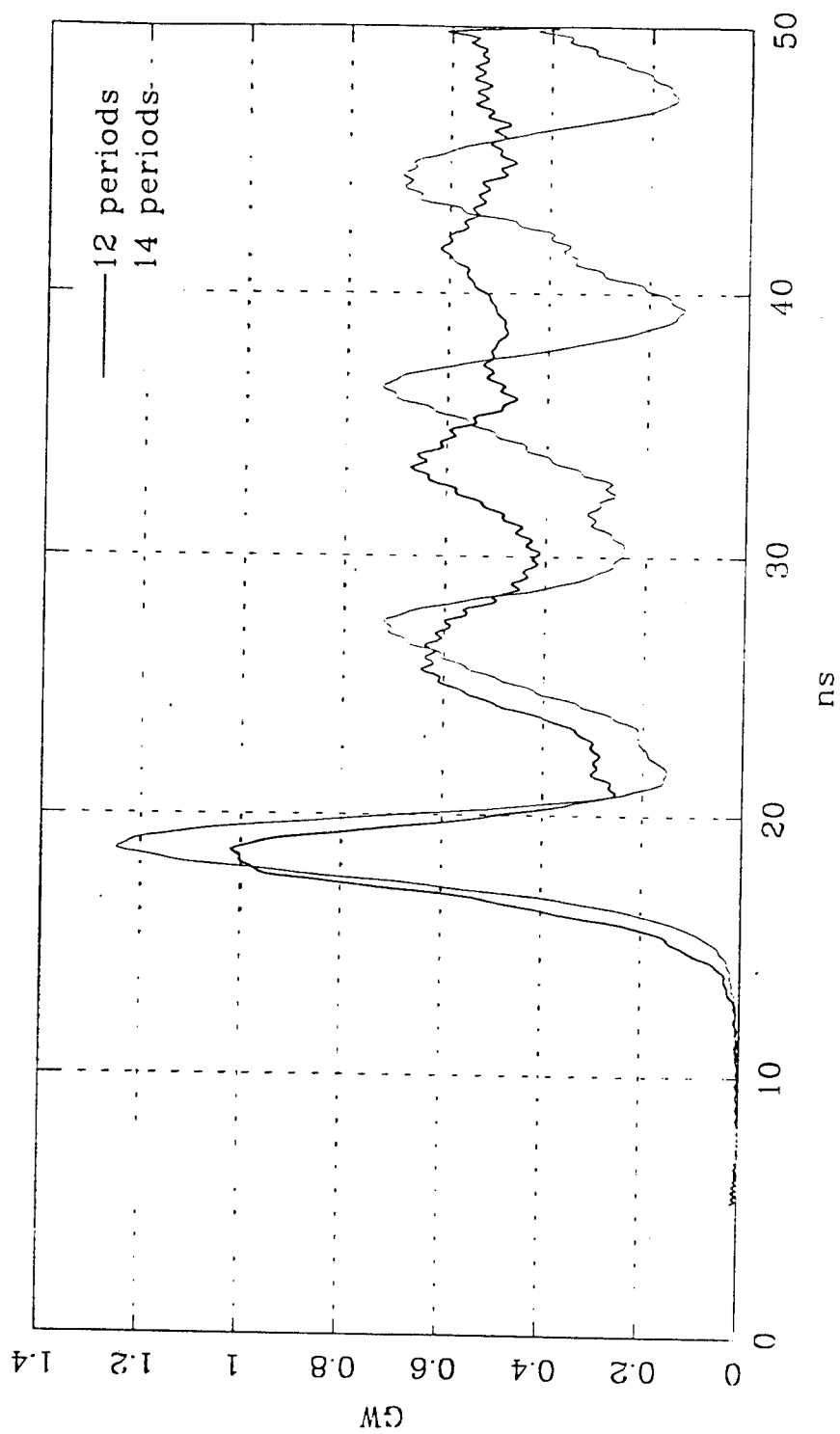


$$\frac{\partial \gamma}{\partial z} = \text{"radiation term"} - \frac{8I}{I_A k_0 r_b^2} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^N R_n e^{i n \psi} \langle e^{-i n \psi} \rangle \right\},$$

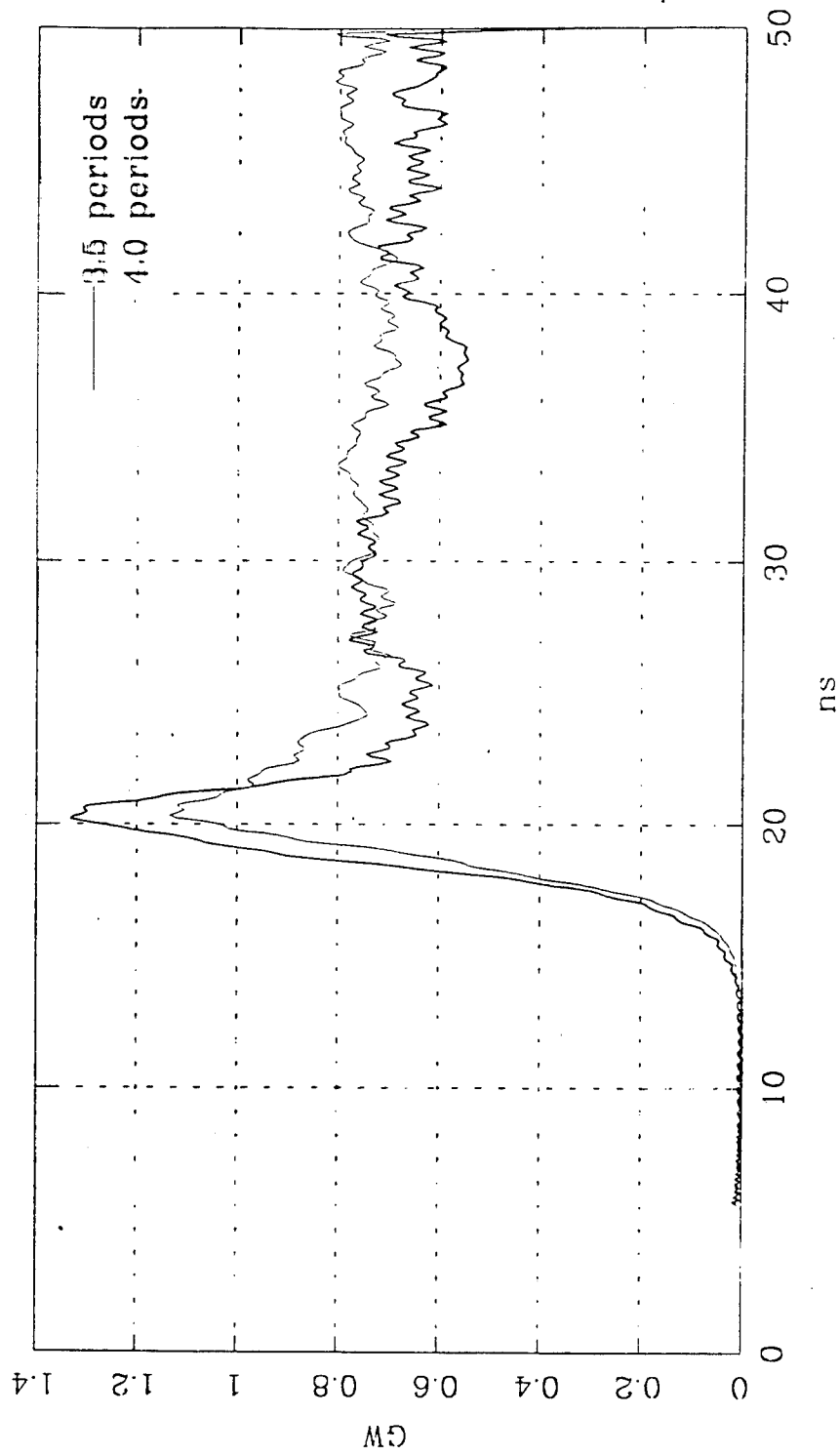
particle phase:  $\psi = k \cdot z - \omega t$

$R_n$  = geometric space charge reduction factor

MAGIC simulation of S-band BWO  
with uniform structure  
(12 and 14 periods long)  
Output power vs. time



MAGIC simulation of S-band BWO  
with non-uniform structure  
(transition at 3.5 and 4.0 periods)  
Output power vs. time





## **Current efforts**

**PIC modeling of non-homogenous structures**

**modeling of plasma filled backward wave oscillator**

## **Possible new efforts**

**adopting our models to simulate multi-frequency phenomenon in slow wave devices such as TWT's**

- 1. self-excitation of spurious oscillations**
- 2. simultaneous amplification of a number of signals at different frequencies**